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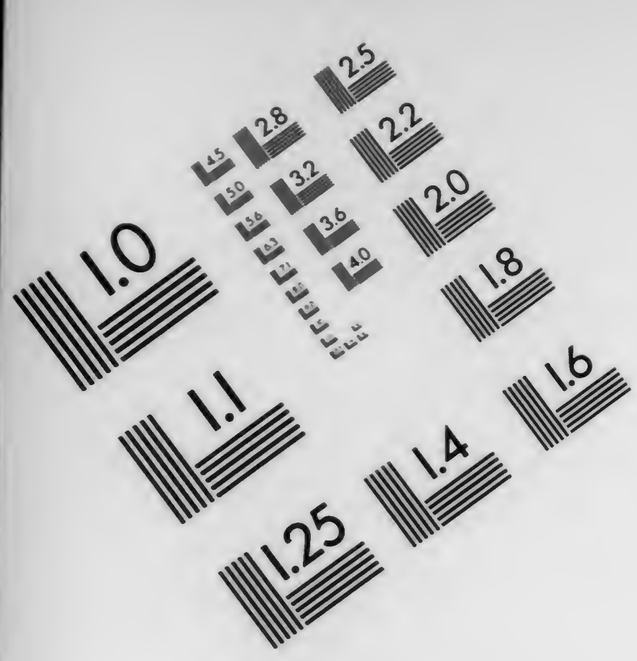

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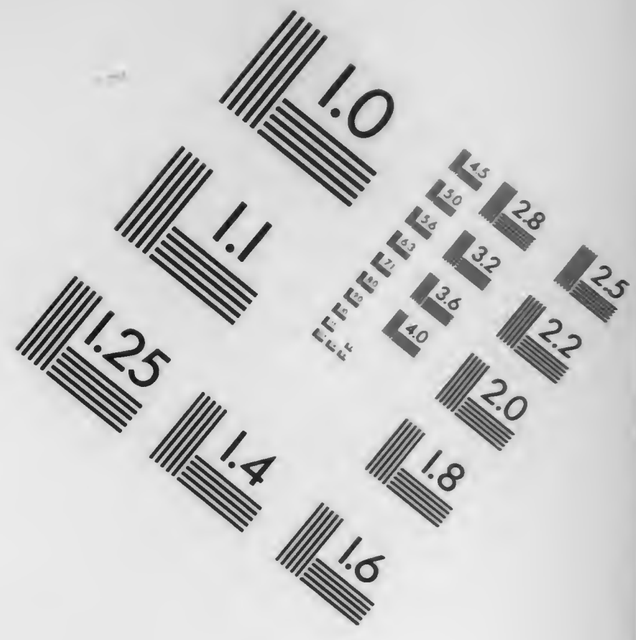

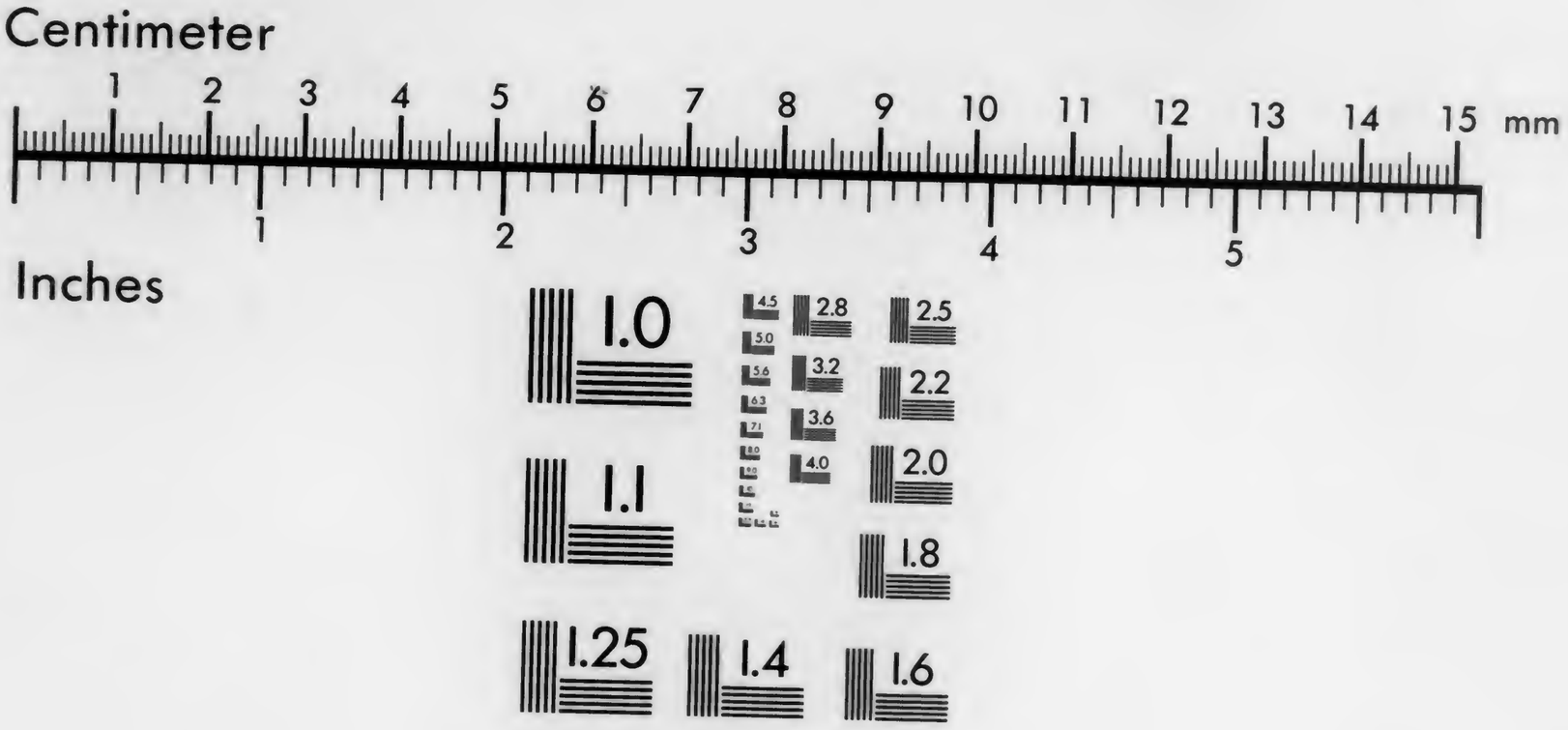

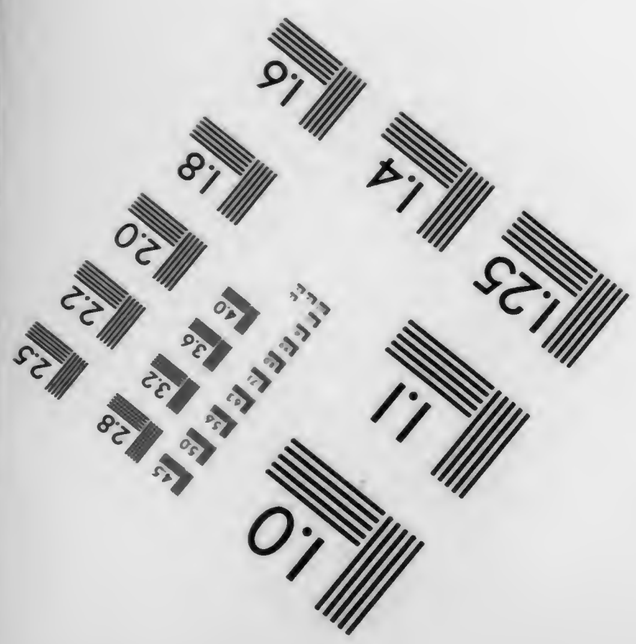

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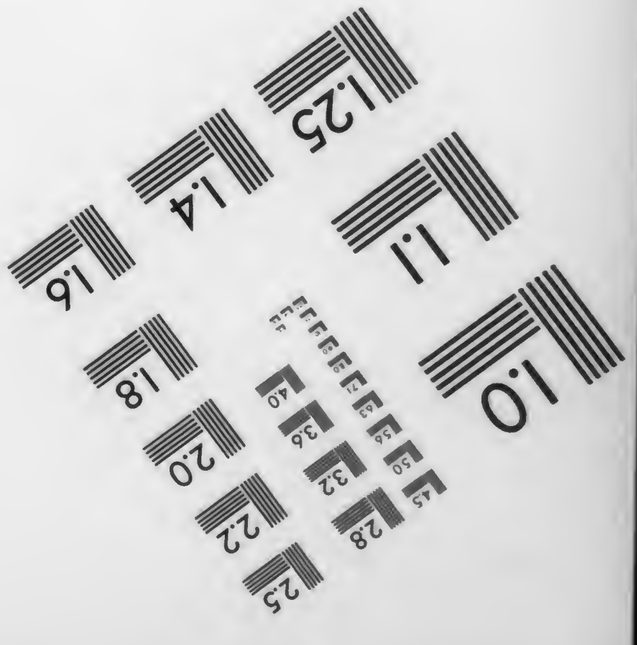

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Ansd. Jan. 7/87.

Homewood,
Jan. 3, 1887.

My dear Hart:

Your letter came this morning. I have been waiting until my plans were decided before writing you, but now I have been at work on the estate papers, and transferring Mama's accounts until I am too tired to write more than a note.

I am going to New York, probably on the 20th. to stay two or three months, and will have a small apartment in the house with Celine. I gave up Council for this on the advice of Miss Jordan and all the rest, as this gives me a chance in the Literary line that is one in a thousand.

Collins and Flo will be here during the winter, so that if Papa and Mama should be away, I will return home to them when I leave New York, and continue my work by

myself. I'll tell you all about it when I see you.
I expect to be rushed until I leave, write dressmaking and book-keeping.
Please write at once everything you want sent on - books, etc. and we will get them packed and sent as soon as possible.
The cold wave is - 26° strong here, and we are gradually congealing.
I have sit given Aunt Helen the pictures yet but will go out to the office when it gets milder. I am very glad to hear that Billie Whitney is better.
Did you get the calendar I sent you? Write soon always -
Ever.

Answ. in full Jan. 12/87

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Jany. 9, 1887.

My dear Hart;

Your letter came last night -, and I will see about the books as soon as possible. Pa - Papa and Mama and I - have been so sick with colds lately that we have hardly been able to tell debit from credit -; and that is the reason you have it heard from me before. When I have sit been at work, I have felt too stupid and generally good for nothing to write letters.

Received Jan 12 1887 and finished Jan 13 1887. Will love always. Willie

Wishing - Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

But I have not told you about my New York plan.

Two years ago I made up my mind that I was going to make writing my profession - at least I was going to try that first of all, and if I could succeed, hold to that as the my life work. Miss Jordan encouraged me in thinking that I would be able to succeed, and on the strength of her advice I finished my College course in spite of the expense it entailed. I have never said anything to you about it for two reasons. For some time - until you left home and had all the help

3/ you needed - I felt that it might prove to be my duty to give my life to helping you in your work. when I would give up everything else, and would not want you to know the sacrifice you would know it - cost if you had heard I say this plan. After this passed away in your independent position at Washington I still felt that I could not tell you until I had proved that I could accomplish what I aimed at - that I had the ability to write. But now that I am going to work definitely for the night I

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want you to know all about it.
If I fail. I will try teaching.
but as Miss Jordan says. all my
training has been opposed to that—
my lack of early schooling. the
lack of my work, and the method
I have pursued. together with my
natural characteristics. Writing.
it has seemed to bottle of as.
is what I can do better than
anything else. I have had
a great deal of training and
practice and it seems to be
my natural mode of expression.
I think it is worthy the duration
of a life. for. even in a very
modest way. one can reach
more people and influence

5) then more effectually than in almost any other way.

Of course my usefulness will be limited by my ability, but whatever that may prove the things that I found on my calendar the day of my decision, and that kept ringing in my ears that night will stand for me the aim of my work —

"And ye shall receive power

"To be witness to serve.

"Help those who cannot help again.

"Rescue from night to serve."

"To ease the burden of the world,"

and help others to the truer higher living - to the perfection

for which we are all struggling
in our way and sometimes, however
feebly and ineffectually – this is my
aim – to learn the world better for
my having lived – and I feel that
I can fulfil it better through any
pen than in any other way.

I had looked forward to years
of preparatory study before beginning
actual work, but the opportunity
that has offered this winter is one
in a thousand, and as Miss
Jordan says you can do univer-
sity work at forty but you can
rarely get six classes of this kind
for practical help. The only
way to get the public can
in this age of excessive supply

I am through the help of some
or influence of friends. If you
know literary people and can
get a hearing, you have an
advantage that you can gain in no
other way. Harry is a remarkably
successful young author, and he
has the entree of all the literary
circles of New York, so that his
help will be not only the advice
that a successful man can give,
but the personal acquaintance
of the best minds, and the best
editors. With him I will have
the best advantages for the
production of good material,
and the disposal of it when
produced.

I do not know what I can

write best. but under Harry's
suggestions I am going to try fiction
first. My theory is that you can
reach the human heart and
influence the mind through that
medium most effectually by
picturing life as it is in its bare
condition - the living heart and soul,
under the guise of circumstance
and fiction. Abstract truths
appeal to the mind that is ready
for them, but the accumulation of
actual sorrow and suffering will
give to more the deep insight
and the true charity that inspires
devotion to mankind. Next to
this I want to write articles of
the Burroughs stamp, on the
theory that the world is made

I better by having it attention
called to the best things which I
most firmly believe. If I cant
succeed in this line, I will do
whatever I can that will have an
excuse for being. I am determined
to do something this winter - if I
find that I cant write anything
I will try to do a little teaching.
Papa and Mama have to the been
living beyond their incomes - in fact
the family funds are at present very
low, and I feel that I ought at
least to be self-supporting. I am
taking my own money for my expenses
this winter as an investment, and
hope to be able to prove that it is wise.
If I can once get a start, I can
write at home, but until then my
work would be at a disadvantage.

I found D. Wardwell a thoroughly modern man, and feel very much relieved to have a permanent New York dentist at last. He lives in 3 9th St. only a block from Clint.

Papa is going to the Williams appeal in Syracuse Thursday, and if Mama is well enough and we can persuade her, she will go with him to see Cousin Anna.

Aunt Helen is very much better, but I think she feels a little lonely. I am going down on the 20th - with after next - and will be at 230 West 42d St. I am to have a charming little apartment, restaurant on the first floor - bedroom partitioned off from my parlor next door to Alice, with half of a private bathroom. I don't know as you can get my

Answ. Feb. 1/87.

230 W. 42d St. N.Y.

Jany. 30, 1887.

My dear Hack:

I have been looking for a letter from you ever since I came, but if then - Just don't answer your letters I suppose it's Philosophical to do it yourself. :.

What have you done with Harriette Boardman's note book, that I sent you to be returned to her at 503 Watseka St. St Paul, Minn.? She has it recind it - yet, and as I sent it - without saying

'by your leave'. I feel a little particular about it.

I am very nicely settled here, and like the life much better than that of a boarding house. It is delightful.

Louise is very sick, but as they have found out what is the matter with her. Then is hope that she will get well some day. Christ is taking care of her now.

Uncle Wallace has decided to go by land, and he will back here Tuesday morning. He is coming down to-morrow

probably. I am going to try to persuade her to have her tea dance Tuesday or while she is in town.

Aunt Helen as last confesses to being lonely. It is too bad. We took dinner at Mrs. Barlandi's to-day, and had a very pleasant time. Mr. Sartain was there with his husband of Elmira fame. Miss Sherwood. Cap. Julia invited me to the Yacht Almanac reception Saturday, and I felt almost as if I had gone back to Smith again.

How is Bette Mutney? Can't find out anything definite about her condition.

With much love

Always. Florence.

Amad. Feb. 1/87.

My dear Lucy:

Your letter came to me, and your conclusions are partly right, partly wrong. I am going to begin my active work, instead of studying, now for the reasons that I supposed I had explained.

1st. and which would be enough to decide me if the financial question were not involved — because I have an unusual opportunity to put in an entering wedge — to get a hearing for my

Helen Lucy Case

Can't imagine Lucy

future work, and because I need the experience for my writing

2) because I want to support myself, if possible.

It is all very well for you to imagine that I could publish in Harper or Century at my pleasure, but it is a very different matter when you come to the practical attempt. Out of the thousands of articles they receive, and the mass of material they have on hand, only a very few

writes get a hearing — those
who have a reputation or those
who have an indisputable
backing and may be counted
on for good work. I might
bring them under paper
baskets for you without
ever getting a word in if I
was unknown. But after a
while among them, if I
prove to have any ability
it may be a very different
matter.

As for "tutoring" write me
good friend. I have never

had any such idea. His
theory of literary art is diametr-
ically opposed to mine, and
I can hardly write what in
my mind can lead to excuse
for being. That he can give
me a great many practical
hints, and that Alice's
criticisms will be very valuable
to me. I am very sure.

We went out for some
books yesterday, and I hope
they will get packed to-morrow.
We dont find a copy of the
Birds of Connecticut, and I

Amad. Feb. 1/87.

My dear Loy:

Your letter came to me, and your conclusions are partly right, partly wrong. I am going to begin my active work, instead of studying, now for the reasons that I supposed I had explained.

1st. and which would be enough to decide me if the financial question were not involved — because I have an unusual opportunity to put in an entering wedge — to get a hearing for my

Miss Mary Lee
Miss Loy
can't imagine
always.

Amst. Feb. 16/74 — Rec'd same day —

My dear Aunt:

I s Doctor Hoadley in Bloomingdale still, or has he gone South? Cincinnati seems there is great danger that He will lose his mind, temporarily. She is completely worn out, nervously.

Your Life Ins. Policy is here if you want it sent on. I brought it down as you had it mentioned in Miss Hadley's name — Frances — I got from the College "Cat."

Mama and I may go abroad with Uncle Eus or Aunt Louise to be gone indefinately — Papa joining us as soon as he can clear law suits. We would travel with Uncle Eus for Julius has two uncles, and three cousins living in Germany for the summer, while they were in Switzerland. Then I think it would be nice to spend the winter in Italy, and the rest

summer in England or France.
At present I must go to bed, Norman.
With love always.
H.

Answd. Feb. 15/97

My dear Hart —

Harriette Boardman

503 Wabasha St.

St. Paul. Minn.

and do send her notes back, or she will never trust me again. Papa had paid for the medicines which came safely — and Dr Clint Jaques one for $2, and I return you a check as I wanted the cash.

I have it time to give you the family news now as I must go to bed.

Did you know that Mrs.

Stephen Miller & Jennie
are at Mrs. Youngs.
Louise is better but she has
very serious bladder trouble,
and is much run miserable.
Clint says that if Fl does n't
do something radical like going
away for a southern trip she
will have nervous fever or
something of the sort. She is
absolutely worn out. She had
a nervous chill and a great
time Tues & Wed night & I sent
for Clint & he quieted her
with various things so that
she went to sleep after one, but

he says she must give up her
music lessons and the piano
lessons of the nervous excitement
and just rest. She is a
wreck, and it is pitiful for
a woman of such control and
power. I am disciplining
myself — up till midnight
almost every night — will write
you about it when I have time.
Write love always —

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To C. L. Merriam

Union Le Club

Ryle telegraphs offer Six hundred to settle willard wants answer

7a Merriam

Aned. May 2 87 Saturday -

My dear. my measurements were taken some Comes. I could sit behind them half the time, but I suffered he must know.

How about the orioles that made such a fuss because the nest in front of the house had been blown down, when they came back in the spring? When I called Pans a light sonofabitch I referred to his cheerful chickadeedee not the plaintiff call - that I spoke of, particularly, in the article about him.

Yes. I read the article - your letter before night - Yes. - as well possibly What shall it mark all? Send to ? from McClure write about mailing Love Yes

I am to spend this when pressing.

By and Mem words to any

Why do you strike out some
of the common names." I
have taken only what are
given in books, or that I
have heard; and I especially
want to give any name
that is ever used. As one
of my 'subs' says — "it is
perplexing when one is
studying alone to have your
book give one name, your
father another, and your
farmer a third."

The songs and colors
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and finally made them out

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as I did for the sake of
giving some clue, rather
than for any definite classifica-
I dont know what you
by mean about nests. I
have seen all those I have it
definite authority for, with
the exception of the chewink,
which I find should be on the
ground. But of course if I
have happened to find unus-
ual localities I dont want to
put them down.

Please send back the first
of my original mss. so that I
wont have to recopy in case
I have to send off again.

I wrote Mr. Emmell just as soon as I got your letter yesterday, and before night sent him a batch of ms.—as much as he could possibly use in the paper. What shall I do if he does it not put the article at all? Send to the Swiss Cross?

Not a word from McClure yet—had I better write Bachellor without waiting to hear?—I have his address now.

I'm sorry you have to spend so much time on this when your other work is pressing.

Wed. May 2

My dear, my
Mrs Eakins
I could sit
half the time
he must kno
How about
made such a
she must in
Brown had be
when they ca
When I call
bright songsta
his cheerful
not the pla
I spoke of. H
the article ab

If neither of the Mss. I sent you would be any use to you, I suppose I could write about Mr. Emmell

I wrote Mr. Emmell just as soon as I got your letter yesterday, and before night sent him a batch of ms.—as much as he could possibly use in one paper. What shall I do if he does it want the article at all? Send to the Swiss Cross?

Not a word from McClure yet—had I better write Bachellor without waiting to hear?—I have his address now.

I'm sorry you have to spend so much time on this when your other work is pressing.

If neither of the syndicate men want it and the Cosmopolitan wont do any official business about the copyright. I suppose.

Amed. May 2 | 87 | Saturday—

My dear, my measurements were taken from Cones. I could'nt believe them half the time, but I supposed he must know.

How about the orioles that made such a fuss because the nest in front of the house had been blown down, when they came back in the spring?

When I called Pans a bright songster I referred to his cheerful chickadeedee not the plaintive call—that I spoke of, particularly, in the article about him.

grace from thee if he had it
a special blessing from
St. Patrick. When you say
the trees are brown I say
you is "lying — under a
mistake." A black and white
creepe, in my opinion, is much
nearer the color of his gray
moss and bark, than the brown
one. As to reluctants' nerve'
existing by the side of the
road, I would warn you
to follow Hume's advice
and remember that experience
is of special case not
universal laws. Last spring

May 5th
Dear child, I was sick
I was in for a siege
Explicit Heaven
Sure! I'm

Dear Aunt
What a dea
you are!
you up for a
in future.
I wondered i
to write me a
right. And here
and gone an
saying a word
my child.
If you were
give you a
I should wi

f do, or would
- nitte the And.
outs it?
should like to
from the nook,
if to as many
, when they

, I think I'll
ocket- guide to
eals what is
Perhaps I can
ore specimens then.
ry careful
limp. As you
that I don't

I watched four redstarts nests.
One was in a grape vine loop
near Mill River — perhaps 5 ft
from the bank, and at the edge
of a grass patch. The other
three were all within a few
rods of houses.
1st. On a low branch of a tree
just opposite a storehouse, and
within a few feet of the path
to Paradise — at the back of
Elm. St. houses
2d. In orchard between two
houses — perhaps 5 rods from
River and the road. Seen once
3d By entry made on spot
1½ ft from ground 3 ft from road

There may be exceptional cases, but as I had never seen any of the substantiating facts, I supposed the evidence of four could be taken. It is to be hoped they are unusual situations as here if the four were broken up by wicked small boys— two were, but the third I attributed to the combined effect + the disturbance that came from all over girls wanting to investigate it— that was the one 3 ft. from the road. As to the simplified border— technically perhaps the term is incorrect the explanation make it plain initiated. I think I can from the wants to do anything I will write about it that he do take it, write that I do And. and first-getting Dr. Grimm

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from the road.
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the term

is incorrect, but I think
the explanatory crescent would
make it plain even to the
initiated.

I think I'll wait till I
hear from Dr. Grinnell—whether
he wants the article before I
do anything else. If he does,
I will write McClure
about it, and if I ever hear
that he does wit want to
take it, will write Beckallon
that I have given it to him
And. and ask if he wants it
first—getting permission from
Dr. Grinnell. Will that be

the best way to do, or would
you let it rest with the Aud.
& D. Ewell wants it?
If possible, I should like to
make a little from the work,
besides getting it to as many
people as I can, when they
need it most.
Then I review, I think I'll
make it a pocket guide to
field work - that's what is
most needed. Perhaps I can
add a few more specimens then.
I shall do very careful
observing this spring. As you
say I know what I don't
know.

I watched
One was
near Mill
from the
of a grass
There were
rods of
1st. On a
just
written a
to Para
Elm. St.
2d. In or
houses -
Then and
3d By enter
1½ ft

tell him myself.
did it mean
take it. How
question of
ight there.
e as I dont
thing about

k waited over
Mc Clure and
a word, leaving
ticularly for
ver - explaining
so that I dont
lf any more
I. d never
offended study
How

What do you think of my substituting the Least, the Wilson and Hermit - Thrushes for the crossbill, the snowbird, and Junco? For my 51st I might have out the bank swallow & nuttatch, whichever you say.

I have gotten Burroughs and Thoreau here now and shall refer to them - without footnotes, as they are within the reach - generally and mentally - of most people, and give the atmosphere that will interest and edify the beginner as well as the student.

I shall go on all my wits
with labor and pains and
keep your points in view. I
write it so hurriedly I had no
time to correct except in the
roughest fashion.

Aunt Helen walked up to
dinner to-day, and we had
quite a family party as
Collins, Ho. and Lyman had
come up. C & I are to
work with "The Pines" this
week, and take Mrs. L. in
May 10.

Lyman begins school on
Leyden Hill
It is a p
too lovely t
My dear, how
come under the
official matte
and you some
I send it to
Boston, not
of the Dfst.
My dear, if
to the Aud. I
to have a perm
to a syndica
think having
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ool on

Leyden Hill to-morrow.

It is a perfect spring day.

too lovely to stay in the house.

Hy dear. How does my ms.

come under the head of

official matter? Shall I

send you some stamps?

I send it to you as my

brother, not the "agent"

of the Dept.

Hy dear. if I give my ms.

to the Ard. Mag. is it necessary

to have a permit to sell it

to a syndicate? I should

think having given it first

all that would be necessary

would be to tell him myself.
Then — if he did it must
if — he read it take it. Then
would be no question of
prior sale of right there.
Please tell me as I dont
know the first thing about
the matter.

You see I wrote over
his notes for McClure and
then it heard a word, having
asked him particularly for
an early answer — explaining
my reasons — so that I dont
consider myself any more
bound than if I'd never
written him. Affectionately
Yrs

What do you
substituting
and Hermit
crossbill, th
grosbeak? For
leave out th
nuttatchs, a
I have fo
and Thoreau
shall refer
footnotes, as
the reach-
mentally — o
and fix th
will inter
beginner as

grass from blue if he had it
a special blessing from
St. Patrick. When you say
the trees are brown I say
you're "lying — under a
mistake". A black and white
creepy, in my opinion, is much
nearer the color of his gray
moss and bark, than the brown
one. As to rebels' nerve'
resting by the side of the
road, I would warn you
to follow Hume's advice
and remember that experience
is of special cases not
universal laws. Last spring

May 31st

My dear Bert:

What a dear old fellow
you are! I shall hold
you up for a model brother
in future.

I wondered if you'd forgotten
to write me about the copy-
right, and here you've been
and gone and done it without
saying a word. Bless you,
my child.

If you were here I'd
give you a kiss, and then
I should sit need to say

od plan.
through
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dvantages.
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flycatcher
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Ansd. May 10/87

Homewood,
May 7. '87.

My dear Hart:

My copyright certificate came Wednesday, with official labels and directions about sending copies of articles etc— all the regulations under former law. One point I do not understand. If I should sell to a syndicate would it be necessary to send copies of their papers, after having sent copies of the Audubon Magazine? Is it not enough to send in one serial and

them the book? Here is no
clause that covers the case,
and I want to know about
it before writing Bachelder.
Another thing— Leaving the copy-
right for the title "Fifty" etc
can I add more biographies
without forfeiting the copyright?
As to the order of species
in the book—
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of migration dates for three
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back, before the 'Arbitrary classifications'.

Now the question is – shall I still keep migration order?

I can do five things —

1st. Leave them as they are, which accords with my natural method in the main, but interferes with it by forcing me to put land birds like warblers, titmouses, etc. before sea ones like the Bobolink, Kingbird etc; and gives no proper place for the water birds, I have strung out at the end.

2d. Arrange them exclusively with regard to communities, each of distinction, contrast etc — carrying

out the natural method plan.

3d. Classify by families, though following 2d in other particulars. This would have some advantages, as it would emphasize the sparrow, thrush, and flycatcher traits. In that case I would give a summary of the genus first — as I did with warblers and vireos — and then show how the different ones varied from each other and their common type. The objection to this would be that it would bring some of the harder sparrows, etc. near the beginning.

4th. Arrange by migration order. Put May birds by themselves in one chapter. June in another; and

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over a chapter for winter residents, and one for transients, like woodcocks, cowbells, juncos, etc. This would involve exact definition of areas, and might produce confusion.

I think I favor the 3d method 5th Localities, dividing into chapters. As I have those tables in the back I dont think this would be necessary.

Altogether I think for a book for beginners, 3d is the best, but I wish you'd tell me what your judgment is.

I am going to send a copy of these clarifications to my best "subs." at College and get them to see them

Mitte them beginners in field work so as to test them. I have my doubts about them helpfulness as a key. If you think of any other points that I could get tested in the same way, I wish you'd tell me, because I have some splendid workers there now, who will do anything I want them to, for me. I shall get the criticisms of all my subs when the papers are out, and profit by them hints in revision. Now of course I can give no one credit for anything, but then I shall

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I wish you could give me some food tables to put in the back, together with some economic statistics. When is your report to be out?

As to original matter - of course when I observe anything new I shall write about it, but where some one else has said the same thing, and better than I can, I think the best thing I can do is to quote.

I am glad you say Palmarum. That's what I decided on after looking in Coues; but I never felt sure I a new bird.

Can you tell a Jumpsuit from a young ♂? I heard the singing with more gusto than the adult ♂. The Hen key. But I could tell which it was.

Uncle Hart has been on night. He is very well, except his shoulder, and is going salmon fishing the last of the month.

Orioles came on the 4th this year, and I think I heard one on the 3d.

Lillie Pearson has a little daughter, and Lillie Johnson a son or daughter. Always

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Rund. Sunday 16/IV.

Hunting

Dear Mummy

What is this the hair of?
I found it in a nest a
chippy is building. There are
lots of them just like it there.

Yesterday as I was out in the
'Horse pasture' just east of 'Owl
Hill' I suddenly walked up
to a chickadee. I was very
much surprised to see him as
I was hurrying in to breakfast
and looking to my feet more
than anything else. I stopped
from astonishment as he was

(1) his back like dark gray -
in flight. His wings were
narrow, crescentic rounded
in front (1) his back like dark gray -
narrow, crescentic rounded
in front. His call was "Chick
My like a Titmouse
cry, and the
dear Chickie-yet-
kie of a dee.
It looked like
an old fellow
of the
woodland.

Wilson's Thrush-mapped?
Wood-mapped?

+85° Fahr. 6 A.M.

only about six feet from
me, and sat perfectly still
looking at me. His mate was
sitting near by, and I suspected
a nest as soon as I saw her.
Just at my left stood a
stub about three feet high
and perhaps six inches in
diameter. Less than half
way down I found a hole,
but though I got a twig
and poked assiduously I
could discover nothing. The
chickadees flew off muttering
objecting to my proceedings
but I attributed that to
the fact that there were no

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back. Poked around again in
the bottom of the cavity but
could feel nothing; and saw
no birds. At last I decided
that it must be an old hole,
and so pulled off the dead
spongy mood to investigate.
What was my horror to find
that I had broken into a
perfectly made nest of - something
like the most exquisite dainty
little soft things you can
imagine, made of fresh fine
moss and squirrel hair - some
long and the rest short (½ an

sick or less) flock dark gray-
in tiny bunches. so that I thought
it - first of a fuzzy willow or
fruit. Fuzzy? What was
the next? Aunt Helen suggested
flying squirrels, and the third
hair looked their color. What
could the chickadees have had to
do with it?

Did you ever hear a Wilsons
thrush Bleat like a lamb, when
it was moving about?

Do you know what says
kick-a-kee-ow — kick-a-kee-ow
I suspect crows and woodpeckers,
but have it placed it yet.

In the alders (Schroeder or Carlson)
I saw a brown bird with a long bill and wings

Dear Hawkeye-yet-
king of a dog.
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his tail as a fantail
My like a turkeys
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(2) turned up
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My dear Aunt Lucy, and Uncle Ed

Thinking of a day like this last year, and how I was looking forward to a visit from you, and the visit itself, makes me wish I were with you all as much as ever. Yet I am very glad to be where I am, for I am sure I am of more use here than I could be there. Still I wish I could see you all, and the children, and Uncle Ed's mother, and Aunt Helen, and Uncle Ed's mother, and Uncle Ed's mother, and Uncle Ed's mother

Rec'd. May 16/87.

May 14. 1887

My dear Hart:

Do send me some point on counting proof-technicalities. I can't see anything but the dictionary to go by & D. Guilbert is sending Talley right along.

I found a letter from McClure on my return last night — he has been sent for two articles, so he did not know about my ms.

The Pearls are crushed by their terrible sorrow.

If is one of the
saddest things I am
known ——

to live for more

now ——

[May? 1887]

Dear Hart — Thursday A.M.

Mama has sit here out of bed long enough to turn it made since Tuesday. then I got her into my bed & stay part of the day. She almost fainted yesterday when she tried to raise herself for the bath, & the raw black specks before her eyes all that & the day before. I sent for Dr J & he found kidney trouble from that cystitis, but the Sp. Grav. is normal & I think it was only weakness.

It will be time again this week early. She rides pretty well but feels <u>sick</u> – & looks pale & sad.

Mr Ford "acted alimentation" of beef tea alternating with milk & chicken broths, & for drink, iced champagne.

He was here night before last & took dinner – as I can't take care of both as they should be.

Papa's cough is still fearful – worse if anything – he is so careless.

Nathan F

Rec'd & Ansd. June 13/87.

Hartford,
June 9. '87

My dear Hart!

The Drs. came yesterday —
Thanks.

Mama is better. She
came near fainting again to-day,
but the attributed that to an
empty stomach. She has been
down stairs half the day.
The Dr. was here this morning,
and gave her a second bottle of
medicine.

It is generally the case I am
just about used up myself when
that Papa & Mama are better.
I feel too good for nothing to

Ride my Horse

Always

L—,

[June 1887]

Dear Hart —

Shanna is much better. She is
eng. she tried to bathe & fix her
hair while we were at breakfast
& it tired her out for all the
eng. but — after dinner she felt
better, & has been sitting up in my
room most of the P.M. Now the
Dr wants her to take beef
steak 2-3 times a day _ champ-
aign before & lactopeptine after.
Dr Light also to take the phosph.
tonic you said, besides.?
Please write at once as
She is my neak & ought to

have all it will do for her to take.

Ans Dr Winkler a letter
Physician then Dr. J. for us
when We are sick

John is going to the Post
& will mail this

Hunter

Amsd. June 10/77.

Monday evening.

My dear Hatt;

What do you suppose is the matter with Deanna that she does'nt get well? She is worse to-day than she was yesterday. She got very faint after walking from my room into hers: and she has had hard work to hold up her head, and I notice that she does'nt move her lips much in talking.

She thought she would try to get well, so she got up about ten o'clock this morning, & came into my room. But she has had to lie down most of the day.

She has it been down there for
eight days - and you know she
almost always recovers from them
attacks so rapidly - generally the
second or third day. She does sit
seem to have any life or strength.
Every night - she says she thinks she
will be all right to-morrow,
but in the morning she feels
miserably weak and miserable.
She makes the juice of a good
sized juice of beef his or three
times a day; & I am going back
to enemas of milk and beef
tea the last thing at night and
the first - in the morning. Send
for the Dr. again. by Flo. but he

has it not been here this afternoon.
I dont know what to do. Our
little one seems has been un-
favorable - damp and lifeless. the
air is. Do you suppose she is
getting enough food.?

If you can think of anything, do
write me what to do. I have my
little confidence in Dr. Johnson. She
coughs still and raises considerable,
but much less than she did.

Papa's cough is better. Although he
complains of soreness and pain
in his chest.

Mrs. Holt is my sick sister
Josal trouble of some kind.
He brought Lyman back last-

night, but left Emmet there, fortunately, although she supposed Mama would be very much better than she is.

The stomach is so exceedingly weak, & the least little thing upsets her so that I don't know what to do.

I hope to hear from you in the day about the phosphate.

Always

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Answ. June 28/87. Hormood,

June 26, 1887.

My dear Hart;

Try to keep a straight face
while you are reading the enclosed,
so as to be able to tell me
1st. The exact law about
infringement of copyright. I
should like a copy of the law if
it is published in leaflet form.
2d. If you would speak to D.
Gunnell, and let him (Willard) copy them
if he wants to.

I dont suppose many will take
the magazine of him anyway, and
certainly no one would for the
sake of my article, so that would
make no difference. The same

in lieu of the book. It would have no sale then.

As to the school question. Of course it is exceedingly doubtful if that can be carried into effect, and if it is it will be so far in the future that it would it matter if the material had been seen before. Women, children dont read the papers.

I would it seems about it at all, but the poor souls in this benighted region have a little but them troubles to think about, that if they would suggest to them a new interest — probably it would it practically, but it might divert them a little — it would be worth the trouble.

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Now, my dear, I'm my ambition to get up a circulating library here, and I want you to let me have some of your books. I'm ransacking the house for all I can find, and am going to Aunt Helen and H. I'll make a list of what I want of yours, and if you object to any of them, let me know.

I don't know what to think about Mama. I have never known her to keep feeble so long. Yesterday was a good illustration of the way she has been.

She ate a slice of dried beef and a saucer of oatmeal, sitting as near the table she could draw back in her chair all the time — which means a great deal for

her, you know. She almost cried at table she felt so miserable and so discouraged - and hungry.

After breakfast she went for the mail, but was all tired out when she got back, and could hardly drag herself about all the morning, although she had less indigestion than she has had lately - she has suffered dreadfully from it - since she was sick.

After dinner I made her sit in the sun for a while, and then lie down in the hammock, where she slept for about an hour. After that a load of people came from Bonneville and although I thought they

would cum so, and her voice trembled as she tried to talk to them, she felt better than she had during the day, and sat wrapped up in the shawl after tea, till the mail came.

Afternoons and evenings she feels so much better, especially evenings, that I think she is going to get right along. But mornings she is so weak and miserable I get utterly discouraged again. Dont you think we ought to insist on her going to the seashore? She seems to be getting feebler instead of stronger, and I dont believe she

can expect her stomach to get
strong until she has a change of
air and seems something to act as
a general tonic. And then sea
air always does her a great deal of good.
There is nothing to distract her here,
and anything to depress her, and I
think that we ought to take her
away just as soon as she is
able to bear the journey.
What do you think about it?
Till D. Finkes that I forgot
to finish my schedule. I have
found 'no end' of incidents,
and certainly 50 more in a
radius of 1/4 mile. If I find
my note book after buying, I'll send
him the missing dates. Not
being able to fix out at all for the
two weeks mama was so sick. my work

Friday. July 1.

July 15 '98

My dear Hart—

Mama has taken a start at last, and is decidedly better. She has it—and the Mullens took yet. Dr. Johnson was to have come yesterday. but he did nit.

I am going to keep the seashore plan in mind still, and if she does nit get right along, will insist on her going. She is so thin that if the buttons her clothes in the middle—over her spine—these buttons hurt her!

She must get on her feet before fall. in some way or other. I keep her out of doors all that I can, and make her lie in the hammock under the trees,

How there are two more books I want

{ Hooker's Natural History
{ Stories of the Gorilla Country

Can I 'ave 'em?

Ask Dr. Fisher to make my list of 1/4 mile radius next 65
That is safe, and I probably have now that I can remember.

11 trees
3 crop species
1 orchid
2 shrubs — and that is what I want to know.

At the South end of our raspberry patch, where the morning sunbeams are, about a foot from

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the formed, in a beech bush. I found a nest made entirely of dry-crisp leaves; lined with fine roots, & having four rather small dark green eggs in it — deserted eggs — when!!!

Back of Fox Hill Swamp Papa crossed a stub with a nest on the top — made of dead — old stems not rose or lemon & weed stems; lined with roots & leaves; & with one egg — stems bird flown — scraps here & there. Egg a little larger than the others — same color.

Were there Wilson thrush nests? I think I've found a Least & a Carpodacus nest, but how are you going to tell when the bird has flown & they are so high up you can't see?

There are lots of chewink-ed in the raspberry patch. but I can't find their nests.

There is a kingfisher's bird nest on
Leydon Hill — birds coming out of nest.
Saw an owl — about a foot long —
grey head & white horns about
size of —

Horse is here —

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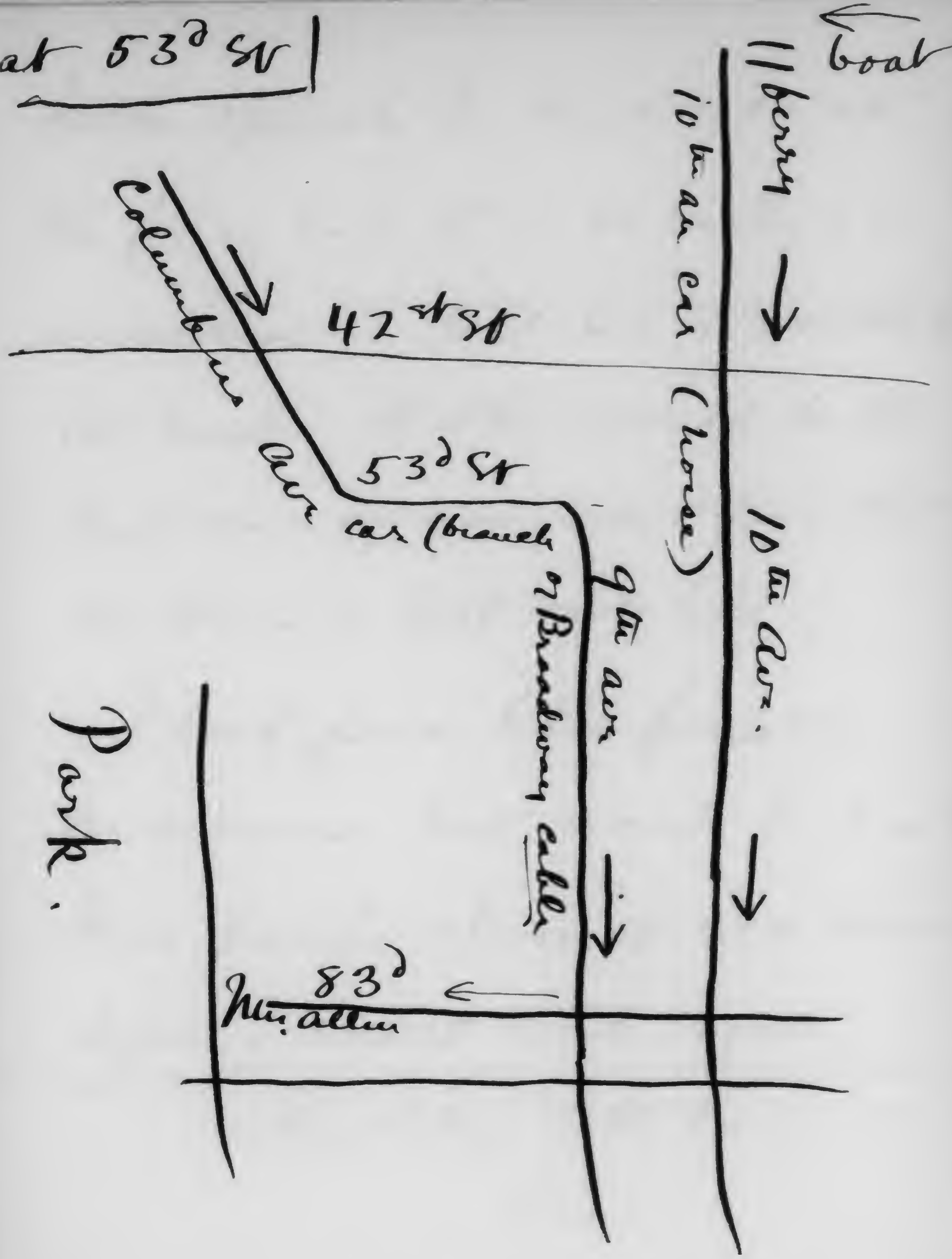
Locust Sou, [Fall 1887?]

Wednesday.

My dear Sil;

Hetta says you can take either the 10th avenue car (& transfer at 42d) or else the Belt line.

If you have time to go to Mrs. Albus' you can take the 10th Av car up town & then change to the 9th Ave Columbus Av. cable which goes crosses her block. You will have to ask the conductor where you get the Columbus Av as it shunts up from Broadway & crosses 9th Ave



Park R.

You may possibly have to change horse cars as the 10th Ave may not run all the way up 10th Ave as I have marked it. If you do you can cross to the Columbus Ave on the 42d St cars.

Hetta offered to meet you at the ferry but it is so early & so uncertain I told her it would be too hard. Walter would be after best one. If you want him, let me know & I'll write him.

I look for a letter from you to-morrow, but want to make these points clear if you come before I could write again.

Heartily with love

Flora.

Friday — [Fall 1887?]

My dear E —

The 9th Av. elevated

is the one for the Allens.

The 6th av stops at 58th St.

Fare N.Y. to Port Leyden

is about $6 = $12 both

ways.

(Monday)

Coz. Jule is going home

with Miss Brown for a few days

but I told her you would not

mind if she was not here when

you got here & she needs a rest.

Felton says to tell her to come

along & not wait & wear out my

Hart. You can have

your mail forwarded — We
can get a P. O. — if we
do make indexes!

I'm so glad that Mrs
Gordon — Louise Fl —
I'm glad you're going to
get her for good Walter —

[Fall 1887?]

Monday —

Dear Elizabeth —

Letter from Hart just rec'd. Now, Coz. Jule says, bring your sewing & do it here — come as soon as you can, so as to get in a visit before going back to mist Hart — he said W 'about Oct. 1'. Don't say any more definite date in your letter — I suppose he can't tell, but if you wait you won't have long enough here to pay. The change & the nuts will do you all good. So pack up & come along like a good girl.

They are going to Mrs
Falls & will mail this.

Lovingly Pa

Answd. Sept. 29/87. | Lorent Enon. U.S.

Sept: 27. '87.

My dear Hart:

If you can imagine what the bird described in the enclosed letter is, please tell me — also return the letter. This is the little Japanese youngster I have told you about. He is a good boy to interest — or rather to help — as he is intensely interested now. I'm going to send him a migration schedule to fill out.

I suppose the bird is
a hawk. but I can't
tell one hawk from
another, in the air.

Two things ought to be brought
up at the A. O. U. The matter
of getting field work introduced
in the public schools as
the O.U. F. U.C. is doing
in Canada. I think there
ought to be a committee
for it. In the Protection
Comm. some method of
preventing the absolute
destruction at light houses.
There was something else I
had in my mind, but I've
forgotten it now.

Ansd. Dec. 28/87.

Homewood,

Dec. 22, '87.

My dear Hat:

You probably know all the news - about Mama's painting the 5th day, about our going to Utica, and that Papa is at last sitting with the comfortable mob.

We have been getting the first promising rain, to-day. It looks like more in earnest now.

Have you forgotten the Bob Hicks-note? If it is to

to go in the Ark if
ought to be sent for
the Jan. number.

Do you remember that
Green ribbon your Medical
college diploma was
tied with? Well, it
made a great impression
on my youthful fancy
and I treasured it up.
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a good paper weight for
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home desk, sometime, to
go with the string ball.

Here's a bit of cedar,
just - to remind you
that it's Christmas.

If sleighing, roads, and
health are propitious, we
expect to go to the falls
to see the children's tree
on Tuesday or Wednesday.
Your boxes would go
now, if Williams only
had a car.

With love and a
"Merry Christmas" —

Always your
Florence

Ans'd. Apr. 10/88.

Box 652, Pasadena, Cal.

April 1, 1888.

My dear Hart;

Are you dead, or only speechless?

And what has happened to my book? You said about a month ago that you were half through the ms. so I've been watching the mails ever-kindly ever since. Have you written any publishers yet? Do write and let me know. It is

decidedly uncomfortable
not knowing what is
happening. Papa said
something about Plato
in his last letter. Now
you know one of my
ambitions is to learn the book
cheap and another to
learn it-brought out soon,
and I should think
Plato would interfere
with both things. I leave
it to you. However, to do as
you said best.
You have it written

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that [illegible]
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that was
yet I [illegible]
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Mrs. Jones

anything more about Tille.
You have probably discovered
that Reid-Ways. The one I
learned to, is Mrs. O. T. Willis
Tillie! Good example of
unconscious cerebration! I
had it the same last idea
that was it original, and
yet I had read the name
over and over before. Perhaps
Reids through an Opera Glass
is best. Thought I'm forgetting
some of them I sent-

In the Cedar Bird Sketch.
Mrs. Jones wants her name left

Answd. Apr. 10/78.

out. and the grammer
corrected — a pl. pronoun
should be singular. I believe.
if I did nit fix it. If that
list of dates of arrivals for
Northampton is too irregular
I can get and Ben from the
Acad. archives — or — you have
a copy among yr reliefs.
Vacation came at the wrong
time for observation & made
2 wks. difference in some
weeks. I believe.
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better send the one mss. to me
and let me go over it. The
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made a re-revision
advisable. I don't like to
run the risk of having it
come so far, and yet I
would like to see it — how
would it be about proof?

Do you really think of
coming here next summer?
I think it would make

Mama milking to day. She is
and she certainly ought her
to. If is his mouther you
juice as United and Mr
the has it had one real Mrs
bilious attack, and has and
gained 6 lbs. If she flesh
was to go home in May pick
she would go right back 2
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She is doing well, and
she should stay — don't
you think so?

My knee had raining, cold,
disagreeable weather before,
and now that it has become
pleasant she ought to
pick up right along.

I have not done any
work yet, but hope to feel
more like it this week. I
have only 20 species on my
list, so far, and I have not
been able to stand around
enough to study their habits,
and it has been too cold, with

my cough, & sit on the
ground.

Mitt Low, always
Sam.

Rec'd Oct 26th 89.

Oct. 17——

My dear Hart—

Mama over hauled the whatnot
in the corner last night &
discord a cigar box of 2 skulls,
& a bag of shot & some such
weighty chose. In the
umbrella case I fd yr
" upriving. So as Hum-
phrey has sold me mill and
I things on by him. He is
2 & at his uncles for a
week, he told Mama. He
had better had stay he
exposed with Indians.

I felt so much better
this morning that I got up soon

after breakfast, & mean to
make a good day of it.

Mrs. Brown was in yesterday
& is coming to take Mama to
ride. Mrs. B says that Dr. P
is very unpop among the students
at / College. Tho'
he was called there fr Salt Lake
City on a/c of the books he had
edited etc. as it was supposed he
wd bring up the College by his
learning. She says he is also
unpop in the city & it is
common talk that he beats
his wife & is very brutal, but
Dr. Cushing is at / College & all
/ Drs. there play into each

others hands. She says Dr P
is unquestionably an able
physician, but, as a man,
his gotism & brutality de
have made him my unprof.
Of course reports may have
exagtd the facts, & Mama
says Mrs. P— whom she say
in the office the other day-
Send my fond of him — & 3
c readily believ that as Mrs B
says. he has a terrific temper &
a hard side very diffit for the
kindly side he has shown us.
Hamm, he certainly has been
very kind to us & he done

as well as arms and ed for

me so ——

Mama is putting on her

shoes so I can't scratch any

more. Mama says that my

temp last night + this my was

98° Lovingly Jo

Ans'd. Oct. 26/88.

801 Leavenworth St.
Oct. 19, 1888

My dear Hart;

I expect Huntoon on
to-day.

This matter is simply
glorious, & that old D?
wont let me go to the fact.
He has 'had fruticles' on the
brain. He wont even let me
eat Ironing! And, I so
afraid I'll get engrossed
in conversation at the table
imagine it when I sit—
and swallow apple cores
& chop bones for potatoes

that he shuts me up in
the room saying that I
"don't want to 2-2-2nn —
screwing up one eye — 'any 2-
2-2-2- risk — screwing up
the other eye — 'of a 2-2-2-
2-2-2-2- relapse — spasmodic
contraction of eyes nose &
mouth.

After pulling down my
eyelids, turning my lips inside
out & pinching my ear he
works a prescription for
iron, strychnine, phosphorus,
etc. to manufacture red

3/ corpuscles. I suppose — some such chose — He said my blood was my skin & colour. temperature goes up to 100 about every thirty day — has since he was here Sunday, but he says there is no malaria or there would be marked symptoms. He wants me to keep mainly to liquids & take six times a day as before — not have much in the b-b-b-bowels at once, you know.

Well, I saw Mrs. Brown will come for Marsa Edris

than all or 3 guess
and letter got up.

Was was glad to get yr
postal fr Kansas City.
Has Papa written you
latest developments in the
suit & what he is trying
to do?

Hastily Yours
Fl

Ansh. Oct. 22/88. 1

6.20 AM. Thursday.

My dear Hart;

I- md do you good to see how well I am. I'm going to do so many things after breakfast & must have time to write, so I'll get my correspondence attended to before. The Dr. said day bf yesterday that I cd not be doing better, & yesterday he said he thot he'd only come two or three times more, & that I might walk about the room & exercise just as much as I wanted to. So when I went back to bed — had my bed made two days in succession, my dear — I held onto the chair with one hand & Lottie's (that's the nurse) arm with the other, & took two steps. My legs felt decidedly queer & there was a great

grip at my heart at the second
step, but I got there all right
& I'm going to do better to-day.
After I'd had my dinner I got into
the rocky chair & sat & read the papers
till Mama was ready for bed. Of
course my back ached & my bowels
felt my tired, but that passed
off in a few minutes & I had a
capital night, & no more opium for
me! To-day I'm going to have an
easy chair, & sit up & read Jenning's
Rhetoric to prepare my mind for
the ms. & I'm going to bathe myself,
& perhaps comb my own hair, & do lots
of things. I'll give you my yesterday's
menu.

7.30	No. 1	Beefsteak, potato, bread & butter
10	" 2	Eggs-nogg
12.30	" 3	Tomato soup (& for Swains) Bd & butter & orange marmalade
4 P.M.	" 4	Potato " " Adelaide
7 "	" 5	Roast-beef, potato, bread & butter, & pickled peach
9 "	" 6	Kumys
11 A.M.	" 7	Grapes

You see I have something to get
strong on, now— and then two
teaspoonfuls of cod liver - oil I declare
is dog fish — smells exactly like those
on the beach at Neah Bay — but the
Dr. swears its the best cod.

It was my worry not to see you —
says he is in his office all the day
preparing his lecture, & then fr
1 P.M. at the college.

Well, I must write Papa now.
Do keep on writing often — its such a
comfort to have yr letters now you
don't come into the door any more.

Yr loving Flem.

Mrs. Brown has been to see me &
wants to take me to ride when I can go.
Mama finds so much for the
woman to do she has arranged to
have two teas all this time this
week. Mrs. Bonnyastle sent
me a beautiful bouquet.

Aust. Oct. 22 | 88. | Friday 6.30 a.m.

My dear Hart;

Aint 9 much to begin
business so early?

Well, yesterday I sat up
three hours, & with the help
of an umbrella just marched
round the room alone. In
the night I cd not get asleep
had slept so much in the P.M.
& hauled my gruel, so I took
the umbrella & walked away
over to the window, & let the
bowl & came back to bed
with it, all without
Mama's making up!

days

The Bs is not coming
Tonight

I felt proud. I can
tell you.

But the Dr. took me
down - he said I must sit
work on my mass for
two months - that
if I did it - and bring on
a relapse. So sit it - to
exasperating. He said I
must just lie ed & read
novels & not think or work, &
I might be a curious time with
my brain. What did you
into Ho Mifflin? The mss
came all right. We are
having very warm beautiful

801 Leavenworth St.,

Oct – Sunday –

(1888)

My dear Hait;

Was de you suppose is true?

Uncle Wallace! Do nit it—

lonly." He came night before

last. He is going to see if he can

get anything here for himself and

Edie, and if so, says they will

leave Pasadena and come here,

which will be a great thing

for Edie. Nothing in Pasadena to do.

We suspect that he more

than half came now on our

account, and if so good

to have him here. As Journal Help. he could n't have come at a more propitious moment, because I'm just getting out & it is decidedly comfortable to have a strong arm to lean on. Friday. Mama and I went out to the Golden Gate Park with Mrs. Rice (1) and Mrs. Kellogg. and I got frightfully tired; but yesterday we went to Sutro Park & I felt better after than before — all but my calves — They are unruly

3/ members. at present.

This mg. Uncle o 3 are going out to Golden Gate park. take our lunch. & have time to rest & take it easy. so 3 wont be too tired to get. down to dinner when we get home. 3 is only been down to one dinner and his breakfasts. yet. Hope to do better next week. Flu has ^ not got on these little trips is giving me an appetite - as well as strength.

Just the same Perfect days

as when you were here.
Uncle takes his meals here,
but has to work outside.

Well, I must get ready
to go, so good bye my dear.

Lovingly, Fan.

Uncle will be sure a mark,
at Christ.

801 Lawrence St.,

Oct. 31, '88.

Your most miserable slanderer,
I wish you to understand
that I have been down to
breakfast with promptness
and precision for so much as
four mornings, and I am
I must in a dress, like
any other person of vigorous
health and attainments.

Monday. Mr Hunt shopping,
got weighed, and called
on the W.D. on the way home.

He was weighed last at
Twin Oaks - Mama, 91 lbs.
B. 148 lbs. Now, Mama
is 93 1/2 and B. in heavy
shoes instead of slippers,
thick heavy dress and winter
cloak - 126!! Flu D.
was surprised to hear B.'d
lost - so much. Thought he
said he'd seen the loss
from day to day when B. was
sick... He gave me a new
tonic, stronger than the other
one, and wants me to go out
every day as much as possible.

3) when there are no germs
in the air. He says he
does n't want me to get —
small pox — strange! — and
he does n't dare vaccinate
me till my blood is better.
Do n't it just jolly —
Uncle has found a teacher
here, a niece of Dr. Emerson's,
who is confident she can
get a class of private pupils
for Edie in the city, and so
they are going to pack
right up and come here

to Lin. Edie may come this week, & uncle night after election. I am more than delighted. Poor uncle has looked enough to make your heart ache — so discouraged and anxious, trying to get something for dear Hattie to do: and finding nothing.

The Dr. says when I get well, I'll be better than in a long while before.

How comical. The may throw Bombadons turned up! Lovingly Flo.

Ansd. Dec. 10/88.

601 Lawrence St.,

Nov. 30, 1888.

My dear boy;

You have not had many
letters lately, but Mama
has written May. I am
still resting my sorrowful
brain, my most intellec-
tual labors being the
mounting of seaweeds
and holding hours for
Dr. Brown. To-morrow
if its pleasant she intends

going "birding" with Adelaide and me over at Piedmont. Don't it be happiness!

I must take this to the P. O. before dark, and mail with it a little blue razor to each you by the 5 the old gentleman!

How I wish you could be with us—

With

Write dear Lou.

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Rec'd, Mar. 16/59.

San Francisco,
Feb. 24, '59.

My dear H.

I am going down to
Iris Oaks with Uncle William
this week, and as I have it
heard from H. Mc C. I don't
know what to think about
going. I want to see it very
much, but time would be so
much delay that if I am to
get the work out in time to do
any good this spring it hardly
seems worth while to visit it.
I don't know if I am

intend to have an index.
You'll have to do as you
judge best about it, and write
them accordingly. I'll merely
notify them of my change of
address, and then can act on
what they hear from you, and -
what they want to do!

I can't work to advantage
anywhere that I know of
except at Nueva Es. and I
hope to be there soon for two
months - time to accomplish
some good solid work.

Papa and Mama will go to
Santa Cruz, Monterey, Santa

3/ Barbara, etc. and so north down to Simi Oaks.

What reliable man is there in the southern part of the state, who has a collection? Is there any one at San Diego? If Jim anywhere near 3 can, I want to see the local collections of the state. It is a decided help in identifications.

The S. S. Park is full of nuts, bulbuls, chamisks and jambuls pheasants, etc. The nuts sing marvellously - has a peculiar family of songs, but I can't

determine the species and
have not seen Mr. Bryant
about them yet. Hope to go to
the Academy to-morrow, though
I'm afraid he is in Mexico.
How much they need museums
out here! The Academy certainly
ought to supply a great
many needs.

What do you think of
their killing the seals? Such
unutilitarianism is enough to
make one discouraged.

Sincerely, H.

Rec'd. Mar. 29/89.

Twin Oaks, Cal.

Mch. 13. 89.

My dear Hart;

I note you made a blue
letter Sunday that I burned
it up; which was a very nice
thing as I feel much better
now - in body, and consequently
in mind. Think I shall get
along all right now.

I've now angled to have
about the 72,000 words, but
Jim says. was so complex in
matter of type etc. that it is

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notes,

is not strange novices in that sort of thing should make mistakes in calculation.

It is too bad you had the trouble of cutting — I guess it'll be as much of a relief to you when all this trouble is over, as it will to me.

Do you think the book will be out in time for use during the spring migration?

If I can see proof I might you delete voice where it is used as a verb — voiced. You will find it in the hermit thrush sketch, I know, and can [illegible]

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…n that … substitute soup for — I don't …e mistake remember the exact wording.

How fortunate you are to get …l the two $3,000. Do you think you …ees will stay in the Dept. another …ief to year, under the circumstances?

…ttle d The buildings are building, but …ill be nothing negotiation nor meeting can …ing the finish under headway yet — much to …ill be my relief. By the time they are, …ing the I hope to be able to good work- out morning and evening. Now …o miss I go during the worst part of the …ure it is day — only the warm day middle …. You hours. Salem is miserable — worse …ist Thursday than ever. Nothing short of a …ew Yorkers

Rec'd. Mar. 29/09.

yours rec't and can will
give him Immediate Realtto,
I fear. I do hope some way
will be made for him to go to you.

They say you can infringe
your own patent, and so I
note H Mfg Co. & find out if by
any technicality, Thin copyrighting
my book could be an infringement
of the old copyright. They have
said nothing about it, and I
don't know if they got my letter.
Do you know anything about
the infringement laws?

I have a list of over 30 specimen
already and hope to get good notes,

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it up
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in me
along
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about
Tim m
matter

Is that book of Maynard's—
Eggs of N. Am. Birds anything
I ought to have?

If you can possibly help to
get Uncle Eustaces the Annapolis
Exam. appointment, do do it.
As Uncle W says, he would live
two years longer for it.

What do you think of using
my notes for a series of articles
in St. Nicholas on Nature
Birds Curious, or something of
the kind, written on the com-
parison plan to make them
intelligible and interesting to

Carlson young folks.? Do you suppose they would print such a series, & if so, if H&H&Co would reprint in book form later?

I mean to do something with my journal notes, too, when I get home, though I don't know what success I'll have in that sort of descriptive work.

I wish I had a camera & photographs these birds with. Can photos. be used in magazine work?

With much love,

Florence.

Rec'd Apr. 15/89.

Twin Oaks, Cal

Apr. 6, 1889.

My dear Cha—

Your letter came Thursday, and it seemed my good to hear again. Uncle James has written Uncle S. that he has friends at court who will get the appointment for Jim if it is a possible thing. Now, the question that is agitating us, is about Helen. Uncle can take her with him on his $5 a day + mileage, and 3 months may likely he will decide to, as she would like to go away for several months anyway this summer. If she was well enough to visit, the best way

Uncle is going to Sept. next Grant must finish

would be for her to stay north
with us and others of the
family for the summer, and go
to you in the fall; but she is
in such need of immediate
care that it does not seem best.
Can you to be away part of
the summer - and if so when,
and for how long? If she
could be with you through
June and July, when you
are away she could visit
her aunt and cousin near
there, and then go back when
you returned. It is such a
chance for her, and much
would be so much more

3/ willing to take her with him and all that it seems to me as if she must go. And then think, it seems a shame for her to spend so much money going to Los Angeles for several months, when a little more would give her a year in the east with its - to her - incalculable advantages. Do write as soon as possible and give a plan — may not write Uncle Sudamus about it — That would give it more definite form and force to him.

Aunt Minnie is going to France in May and Uncle James may possibly go too, which cuts her

off from one of her earliest visits.

I wish you'd send me four migration schedules, as I want to keep duplicates. I am enjoying field work immensely. It is such a pleasure to find new birds - especially when I can identify them - and to see them I saw the last year coming back again. Then I am finding so much better that is a delight to be alive out doors. I spend several hours a day on horseback - ride off a walk probably half an hour in that time - just go about observing, and shall probably do

5/ almost altogether except for nests that need hours of watching. Camello - Helmi Home - mfoys grazing, and stands my walk on a full stomach, so we get along splendid and I am getting full, and my interesting notes.

I can found about twenty families in various stages of housekeeping, and am watching them on and off; which is ahead of anything I can done before here. My list is up to sixty now, and most of them I fail my eye of. Flem is one small flycatcher that looks and acts more like a kinglet than anything else, and that builds - a cup shaped nest of short grass mosses in the

top of an oak, that puzzles me yet. It does not act at all like minimus, but must be an Empidonax. Do you know the habits of the rest of the genus? There are so many interesting birds here I can't begin to talk about them, though it is a temptation to tell you what I see. I mean enjoyed working now, and it is such a delight to have names materialize. Parus inornatus is one of the dearest little birds here — as quiet and full of pretty ways as wax wings.

We have had a ride of twenty miles to-day! We went down by the coast to see a sheep shearing — but found

when we got there that the Mexicans had made a mistake in telling us, and that the camp was five miles further on, so we did it after all — saw a Mexican Carnahouse, and saw a road runner, on the way home, though.

You can see how much stronger I am, for I feel quite fresh to-night. When I came, Uncle G. says I looked so pale and hollow cheeked and eyed that he could'nt get used to me. Now I am as brown as a Mexican, my cheeks all filling out, my appetite is lionine and my corsets have had to be let out twice! You don't know what a comfort it is to

ful as if I was alive again.

Uncle Wallace hopes to be in his home by the end of next week. We saw such an interesting thing to-day — as we went out in the rig. We passed a field of acres of a pretty light pink flowers — the flowers grew on one side of the stem like that little thing we used to find at Bramley Grange. The flowers were all facing the sun — southeast. When we came back in the afternoon, the whole army of stems had wheeled and stood facing the sun-southwest! We found some several inches high, and the first crop of hay — a field of oats cocked — which we thought pretty good for April!

Well, I hope this will reach you on a Birthday so you'll have time to read it. Lots of Love

Answ. May 8/89.

Linn Oaks, Cal.,
Apr. 28, 1889.

My dear Hart;

It is a great comfort to get your notes about the progress of affairs. The Journ. Edu. is a satisfaction. Hart chemistry plate is admirable.

I suppose the Merle book is ready now. Bessie E. writes me that the Nation announces it as the first of the series. Did you know that it was to be?

This material was found in Uncle Wallace's house. The family was trying to make a nest there.

I got the weekend note last night. What a strange business!

4/ What do you think of it?

In ordering copies of the book from H. M. & Co. do they put them on the a/c or deduct, or is it customary to pay as you would for anything else? Do they allow any extras?

I want to see a copy as soon after publication as possible, and would like to order from Lee.

Nothing about the appointment to Annapolis, yet. What a pity it will be if Uncle does not get it. Has it your any influence to use? It is terribly in your peaceful line, home—.

How good it is that you are able to put off the war!

Dear Part of Arizona will
you go to?

Nellie has gone to Montana
before this, I suppose. He is
to be on a cattle ranch with a
relative of Mrs. Haviland's.
It is too bad for you to be
so rushed with proof when
your own work is pressing
you, too.

We are just going to
take the mail down, so
farewell, dear

Love

Rec'd & Ansd. May 20/89.
Bird & Reptile memoranda

Twin Oaks,

May 10, '89

My dear Ch.

Is this the spotted sandpiper? I don't understand what is meant by the white streaks on the outer webs of the secondaries, but perhaps it becomes my head as it is equal to awakening much of anything to-day. Boozy sent it all the road here.

I am much better, & me hope to start north on Monday.

Thanks for the measurements Jasper. I'll see if I can get any one to collect for you. It is doubtful, for them who know enough don't — want to.

Too stupid to write more

Lovingly Fm

Iowa Oaks,
May 12, '89

My dear Hart;

I wish I could see you laugh over this slip as we have! Do you believe it? Did you ever hear of birds tricking each other?

It is a shame to go off & leave the birds here now, just coming out of their nests. & more especially to leave just this time lately which I have been here.

It is desperately discouraging to know that you can fall back into such a miserable condition without any apparent cause. I thought it'd gotten beyond such pitfalls. But such is life.

I know Kate & the birds have

how that are it on my list"
but I can't go down & then
expressions & look for them, it
cut anywhere write - I must
out a little while yesterday but
was too much to stay & any good
work. It is exasperating.

We are going - but mama
has written you 5-days, so you
know all our news.

We beg to get - some influenza
so you'll be able to - make a
book for Uncle G next year.

Can't you get out to Twin
Oaks if you come to Burgess?

What do you think of a list -
of hundreds of new species from
Lower Cal. as the Chronicle
suggested Mr. Bryant would
get?

The family are sitting in a
circle around the fire - how
I hate to go away from them!

Lovingly, Fl.

Aunt to Mother
June 3/89.

My dear boy;

I'm afraid Papa has worried you about me, and if I'd written before you would not have felt much better for — dear me, I remember I did write when I had the blues. But now to-day I feel so much better I feel like a new person. Yesterday I had so much heat in my bowels again I thought I was in for inflammation or something, but at to-day I can't find it all

I'll always remember a dear boy of

Your ever glad Aunt

and am more rested and
stronger. I dread the time
home, but perhaps then I can
will set me up so that I
shall get along. It does
seem as if when I got on
this hill back I should have
do anything to bring on
another!' But then out of-
doors seemed to be the very
best thing for me & I felt
as if I could not waste
an hour for work in that
wonderful country.

Your letter came this P.M.
Did you order a copy of the
book sent here? Poor boy, I

Rec'd. Answered
June 3/89.

My dear boy;

I'm afraid Papa has
worried you about me,
and if I'd written before
you would not have felt
much better for — dear me,
I remember I did write when
I had the blues. But now
to-day I feel so much better
I feel like a new person.
Yesterday I had so much
heat in my bowels again I
thought I was in for inflam-
mation or something, but
to-day I have not had it at all

Your ever affectionate
Mama

I'll write a
long letter
soon

Ackd. June 15/89.

Denver. Colorado.

June 8, '89.

My dear Hart;

Your letter was waiting for me here. Should judge that you are having much the same time the fortunes had at Twin Lakes in March! You'd better resign for the Agric. & join swimming classes if it keeps on - it'd be an easy way to make your fortune.

Have you seen about the Seattle fire? Think of the

Adventure being learned!

How can the city survive that loss! I should think the dirt would have put the fire out. But perhaps the small inhabitants scattered so fast they carried the flames in their mate & set it afoing afain.'

I feel so well to-day I could write from dayspring. Then we left San Fran. I felt down sick that I was in for it — Ellen said afternoon she thought I was going to

sick, I walked so gloriously.
But the change of air, and
the cessation of part of
my duties I suppose, as
well as the enforced quiet of
the days made me better
right away and I can
done better than I dared to
hope. Ex-Mainton I had
a good deal more of the heat
in my bowels and felt the
fatigue my meals - after the
storm of the evening & the
various jaunts etc. but to-day
I'm rested & feel made
over - like a new person.
& I'll not have till Monday

might if I could feel like taking the Georgetown ticket Monday, & the rest of the journey will be comparatively easy. I went to the Garden of the Gods at Manitou, & the Parents went & H H is Ouray, Col. Springs. Cheyenne Cañon etc. etc. What a marvellous country! I'm sure Lin Mayhies! I'm it exciting. I am expected to see them. Think I am on the desert in Nevada where there are millions along the road. Streams.

Look in Scribner for June on p 4 of the advertisements of books in the front, if you have it seen it. I suppose you've seen the book by this time. Who is Mary E. Bamford?

I'm glad you liked Stu Clark Jasper - I could it tell whether it was good for anything or not. I meant to go to the collection of some of the men fishes in the Sci. Directory - at Berkely Alameda etc. but got such a cold it was out of the question, & I was afraid that I'd only be their identifications even if they had the doubtful birds.

Saw my friend - eastern Kingbird
between Hamilton & Dunn
this aug. 27 - Looked good!

Well - hope to find
letters from you at
home next Friday.

Yours, Fred.

My dear C. H. June 11 — [1889]

A few minutes ago we stopped for supper at Avoca, Iowa — on the Chicago, Rock Id & Pacific R. R. Coming down again to the car, on the platform I saw the Lowville boat swindler we saw on the boat from Tacoma to Seattle last summer! I was sure of him but called mama to be positive and she said the moment she saw the side of his head that he was the same man. He acted as if he remembered us, and turned his back.

but when he saw that we persisted in looking at him he turned round and looked at me as if he dared me, & at the same time would like to murder me. He went up & spoke to Mr. Milcomb & Papa spoke about him afterwards. It seems that he has been R.R. agent here for 8 yrs — grown up with the R.R. He was at Puget Sound last summer, however. He goes by the name of Cook here. Is it an odd coincidence?

Ought a copy of Bk. of Et.
to be sent to the Ant before the
July no. for notice under the
head of Publications received?
If so, please order one sent —
I'll refund when I get home.
I am glad the Century has the
same notice as Scribner.
I am getting along splendidly,
& feel my Europe over it.
It has just passed the
Rhine. (Wednesday & all this
is) and get to Chicago this
P. M. where we have nearly
2 hours for seeing the city.
The courtesy is delightfully

green - fresh.

We expect to get home to-
morrow night, as we do not
care to stop at Nijora.

How did you think Hawke's
Pass - the C compared
with the Shasta trip?

I wonder how Walter
likes Montana?

With love. F.

Must you was Cook at Lowick?
Was his name Dr. C or where
did he say he came from?

Hotel Normandie, San Francisco

November 22, 1889.

My dear Hart—

That style is empty as Bill but it fits— I must tell you the good news right off.

We came down last night, and Dana just sent for Dr. Delafield. He says there is no serious trouble, and no reason why I should not get well.

I am to go to bed three times or two months a week, and he will manipulate my bowels. Besides this he has given me medicine to take, & has laid out my meals, &

meal I am to do all day.
I'm going to have a good time—
take two walks a day, work
two hours a day, go to the
opera & picture galleries, etc.
Very soon. Sit up till 10 o'clock
and read novels & some light
amusement in the evenings.
He says I can have my type-
writer and work.
He hates the trouble & the
fuss & says "it often leaves
the towels in a dirty state for
a long time." He would not
say what was the matter
or what he was going to do,

He said that his charges were $10 first visit then $5, but if that made his bill more than we felt we could pay it could be lessened — that he did not want any one to pay more than she was able.

He says to go along without much regard to the heart — that that is nervous, not necessarily an indication of disease.

He said to bear off the medicine & douches & also drinking hot water.

What do you suppose he thinks is the matter with me?

Shall I begin drinking as

Marcia Lucas is a Carrier
for Decorette, and Dan Co
rebuild to feel like having
a fig. Roll - Maize fringe to
touch, so, fifteen roll —
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Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

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15 West 31st Street New York.

May 25. '90.

Well, my dear, so at last you have a chance to use your theories on bringing up children!

You have good courage. I should not dare undertake the responsibility. I have been meditating on the subject since I wrote — in going about one sees so many children whose lives are ruined for them — and I have come to the conclusion that few of the professions require so much knowledge as the one of all others that people rush into most ignorantly.

A profound insight into human nature - a true understanding of the laws of the development of body and mind - patience and courage to educate the hereditary instincts of your child - to turn the evil to good and the natural good to greater good - and above all, strength to be what you would have your child - I don't know of any calling in life that requires more of what people most lack - wisdom.

The solemnity of bringing a new spirit into existence, and the sacredness of guiding and developing it - bringing it to its highest perfection - or rather, which

is still London — so instilling
filling it with
its mind with truth and strength
that it will be able to stand
alone when the time comes that it
must work out its own character
the responsibility of such a task
is overwhelming.

I think I shall go
lecturing on the subject, for I
don't know how my feelings will
get settled otherwise.

Father came down this
morning, and goes to Grand
Rapids to-morrow.

I go to Northampton Sunday
and return to Mrs. Rond. — I

believe I wrote you so.

Collins will probably be down to-morrow night.

Uncle James and Aunt Minnie are lonesome and worn out this spring. We're too bad.

Poor W. Hallen! Weakness of character seems to be the one thing that can't be overcome in character. He left the house (30th St) with a nurse a short time ago. It is pitiful.

Well, dear, may you be happy in your little daughter, and may you have the wisdom to guide her into a noble womanhood.

Your loving Florence.

Rec'd. Oct. 31/90.

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Oct. 27. '90.

My dear Hart;

I received 25 reprints of my Ank note, and 6-days a bill for them from the printer — all without my giving any order. The bill was made out this way —

Miss F. A.
~~M. C. H. Merriam~~

Do you know anything about it? And how do you order reprints when you want them — of Foster or the Publisher - Mueller?

We are sending some pictures
of the Falls and want to
know which pictures you like.
The idea is that in dividing
up things in the house
eventually you boys should
have most of the pictures
and I have the books because
1st Collins never reads a book -
You have not time for
general literature, while
I shall spend a large share
of my time on it.
2) You both have houses that
need paintings, and I
care for my own or those

Mr Lear.

3d This is only a country house for summers and framed engravings or photographs will do just as well for it as elegant paintings. I shall earn han money enough for more than a flat in the city besides this house, and that does not require many pictures.

4th. As fathers of another

generation it is fitting
that you boys should learn
what has most family
interest, as I do not
intend to marry and so
my line will end with me.
And as to dividing some few
of them now, the house
has more than it needs —
Men are many that we
would never miss, and
it — is better in case of
fire or anything to have

them in different places.
Then and then wants to
know what we do like so
that she can arrange a
final decision that will
suit us all.
If we had had time we
ought to have talked it
over while you were home.
but as it is you can
give us a very good idea
of what you like by
marking this bit.

We are talking of giving
Collins one of the Rembrandts
when he comes up this week—
would you like to have one of
them if you don't want them
& he does. Their main
virtue is that they fill
bare spaces. Also a pair
of the Murillos in the
dining room. Please write
at once if you can for a
Rembrandt and which of you like—the
hawing, or the mythol (Ulysses).
and mention any others you

especially like that could go
with the Sibyl — but make
the whole list now if you can.
It won't take you but a few
moments & may make a diff in sending now.

We shall probably go to the
Falls Tuesday & start from there
Thursday mg. for 15 West 31.

If there are any special
sets of books you want, say so
for mother is going to make
a revised list this week &
it is much better to settle
what m want, so she can
feel satisfied that m will

be pleased. If you want time to think over the books, don't bother with them now— write later — to U. Y. — but write now about the pictures.

I sent my list to Lefft the day after you left, and must certainly hear by this mg.

I wish you cd have stayed longer — but what a satisfactory good visit we first had! It will be good to remember when we are white haired.

Lovingly. L

[Nov.? 1890?]

My dear Hart—

In the mail with yr letter came a note for Mr. Allen returning my check to Meisler & apologizing for the printing mistake— also a check of nearly $50 fr H. M & Co. which makes our $150 in for Reids now.

As to the pictures etc. I don't wonder you felt as you did. I suppose you boys knew about the list & then had made, but she says you did it. Yours as then she made out a list of books etc. so she thought it would be easier for

us some day. But since
then she has met a great
deal to the folks, and
found out that he did not
like what she thought he
did, & she was going to
revise the list this winter
and wanted to know what
things he liked so that she
could accomplish something
for her trouble. & how
heard so much talk
about it that & took at
it now in the way of
being a thing to raise her mind

and avoiding the disagreeable necessity — if in them should outlive them — of choosing what we like when another of us may like it too —

As to sending you boys pictures now, it is not desirable the house. We fill up the spaces with the reserve supply and those that are left show to better advantage than they did before. We are tired of a great many of the pictures & glad of a change.

We have a Fra Angelico

in place of Madame
Le Brun & it fitted the
space & looked much better
than she was did; and so
shall do the same in the
Sibyls space, so don't worry
about that.
The Reubens both went to
the Falls last week, and so
are glad they are gone.
Father is going to send you
the Yosemite on the piano — as
you have the city house if is
only right that you should
have the best pictures, & they

han had quantities of
engravings & other things at
the Falls.

If we get through canning
in Feb bubbly shall go abroad
& next fall. so there is another
reason why you should have
the pictures & enjoy while we
are gone & the town dust.

Write to us at 15 W. 31 — we
expect to be there Thursday night.

Gray comes into the dining
room now, & a red squirrel
chased her in — went way across
the room — & and then young
Gray chased her out & ate a dish

full of nuts on the table
by the window Sat. Let
me come within 3 ft of him!

I have put your books &
pamphlets on the table in
the Office, & guess Fellow
will send them to you later on.
The other boxes went the 2d day
after you did.

Kitty (if that's the way he
spells it) is coming to do some
carpentering & will box the
pictures, books, etc.

Off

Asked

New York.

Jan. 2, 1891.

My dear Hart;

That pretty Good mark has been achnowledged. We have been so busy & have had little time for any writing. I think it is the prettiest one I have ever seen — being practical & bride.

I ordered a copy of Walden sent you. Did you get it? I like it

better than his letters—
the best of any of them
to read—there is more
nature in it.

Father came last night.
but a mother has
written she has probably
told you all the news.

Lovingly.

Florence.

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My dear Hart;

I find a letter has just come
a friend of mine who
wants to know if there is
any popular — that is, within
the comprehension of ordinary
mortals who cannot make a
study of the subject — any
popular book on Ethnology.
As I don't know I thought you
might, or could find out
and let me know.

I enclose one of Flem.
Kulmi cards as you may
hear of some one who would

like to stop with her. She
is doing well, Aunt Jennie
writes, and Mr. H. is in
business again so their
affairs are prospering - of which
I am very glad.

It had an easy ride
home, and I improved my
time by taking a nap, and
was not very tired when I
got home.

I'm sorry I have been so
utterly stupid while I was
in Washington. My head
was so tired I did it have

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long time – and I'm afraid
your friend will stumble
you how a my stupid mistake.
The doctor fan me some
electricity yesterday to set
me up again and that
with my fresh supply 7
iron pills makes me feel
quite like myself again.
He says what I know. that
I am growing stronger all
the time. but that it takes a
long time to get up when you

han been down so far.
By next summer he thinks
I will be as well as ever —
So you need sit worry about
me. my dear.

Well, I'm my glad to
han see you in your happy
home. Give my love to
Libbie and kiss the Cherub
for her doting aunt.

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38 West 34th Street, New York,

January 3, 1892.

My dear Elizabette;

By this time I hope you have received the book I ordered for you for Christmas - the one you saw at Helenion Child Nature. She said that you intended to get a copy, and if you have, you can exchange this for something else.

I have hunted the city in vain for some Mem or the same subject that we said to be particularly good, and so have had to be content with this. It explains of the law of cause and effect in punishments, and its theory that the child must be taught to govern itself rather than to be governed arbitrarily

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I think, aside from anything else.
I was very glad to hear of
your plans for next spring.
I think it is so much better
in every way for a little family
to grow up together.
Have you heard what the
Erick (Stone) matters used
to do before their children
came? I think it is such
a beautiful thought. They

used to spend a great
deal of time looking at the
beautiful statues of the gods
that their little ones might
be enobled by the thoughts
that filled their noble minds.
Hart should take you to the
Corcoran gallery and to hear the best music,
to give your little one a bias
toward the arts that have such
an elevating influence upon us.
Then by reading the beautiful

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My dear E

By this
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and inspiring masterpieces
of literature you can store
up for yourself such thoughts
as you would have your
babe endowed with.
For surely it is as important
to try to give our children
beautiful souls as sound bodies.
Such is the advice of the
spirits! — I ponder it well.
With love to Hart and a
kiss to the dear baby. Sincerely yours
Florence

Mississippi Valley and Manitoba.

Prof. W. W. COOKE, Supt.

Aug. 1, Jan 1892

American Ornithologists' Union.

Committee on Migration.

Dr. C. HART MERRIAM, Chairman.

~~Caddo, Ind. Ter.~~ Jan 1 1892

My dear C.H.

I thought I had written you about that book. This is the nearest approach to the title that I know anything about. Have not seen this, but it sounds attractive.

Now my son, as your imagination has waned so lamentably — I suppose from the Grip — I'll

tell you precisely what I want as L. S. list of it.

There are a great many of our migrants that I don't know, and as you all must that none of the wise men are wise enough to know and say whether a bird affects tree trunks or books - or is a philosopher or clown I think seems to be nothing for it but to learn the texture of their epidermis - tell a man by his skin - how Thoreau would scoff!

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Such being the case I am at present addling my brains over 64 warblers — all north of Washington they is sent me from the museum and am preparing my temper to go through the list — all the birds we have at home that I don't know.

As I'm not sure of many of the migrants I have seen and know I'm mixed enough many that I have seen there, my own lists — if they were it locked in my desk at home — would it

help me out particularly.

So if you can send me a complete list of our migrants & write you would as soon as possible, for I'm going to return the warblers and want to send a list for mine, with them.

Yours truly, J.

Are ~~it~~ you coming here when you've been to Brenton? Will look for you.

Mississippi Val
Prof. W

Aug. 1, 20

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My dear Hart; [Winter 1892?]

We have decided that it would be
folly for us to take the risk of
the present cold in the south,
when we are warm & dry
well here. So we are going
to wait for a decided change.
We hear all sorts of reports of
pneumonia etc in the south,
from sudden changes & badly
built- & heated houses.
Clint says my lung is
wonderfully better than when you
were here — my cold is gone
& I rest much less than at

Dear. It is dry + clear here
+ good for walking + breathing -
if not "balmy"!

So don't look for us till
you get a my different report
from the weather bureau.

Off - Fla.

The Calif. ladies urge us
going thru Portland + Florida.
What do you think?

Notice our thanks for
check remit.

35 West 34th St.

Jan. 26, '92.

My dear Hart;

Many thanks for the lists. I got a number of good points from them. I have just sent back my second box of (43) skins, and am to have one more lot. It has been an immense help - especially with the warblers. I can now have the same trouble in the field again, for I am familiar with the more obvious plumages now and can note enough on the spot ones to help me out.

My dear boy, don't worry about

me. I can't be desperately
morbid at home I confess, and
I am not only sad a good
many bad quarter hours' myself
but I am made things much
harder for the family by selfishly
indulging my own unhappiness.
Now that I'm so much stronger
and that things are so much
easier — for it makes me ashamed
to think how confusingly the effort
has been made to have things easier
than they used to be when you
knew what it meant to live at
home — Now we are all living

along most comfortably, and
I have hopes of seeing the day
when I can feel that I have at last
succeeded in being a good daughter
and have been able to help make a
true home. As for going abroad
without them I cannot think
of leaving the old folks: I
should despise myself if I did.
They need me, and it is high time
that I began to do my duty by
them. We'll go together next fall
and have a beautiful time and it'll
do us all a world of good. We
are going to lectures on art and to

read up on history, art, &c. aloud,
so as shall know what to ask
questing at when we get there.

I am in no danger of stagnation
at present, my dear — or of small pox.
I even have been near a tenement.
My work in the club is to select
books to be sent from a free library,
& be responsible for them — assistant
librarian I am. Just the work I
meant to do when I went to find
out what to get for mothers
country libraries.

Now I have been studying Shaw,
and next week I begin on Lecturg

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do us all a world of good. We
are going to lectures on art and to

Uncle Gus' course at Columbia
on Greek art, & another at Columbia
on painting. Besides this I am
now able & mean to begin working up
Attic. My head is so much stronger now
that I think I can do something
at last. Then Uncle Gus & I am
to ride horseback three times a week
So with music, miscellaneous
lectures &c &c. the rest of my
Winter bids fair to be very happy
and full. Hastily yr loving

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38 W 34—

March 24 '92.

My dear Hart;

An old Lawyer in the House. (Post Office Clerk)
Who has been in Washington a
great deal knows pattens face from
having seen him in the House)
met the Russian Consul General
the Other evening. He - the consul - told
him that we had made a great
mistake in ever submitting to
arbitration - that England would
come out ahead - that Russia
never did anything but feign both
her complaints - that if they began

to talk Eng would be sure to
He said Russia had no idea of interfering
get ahead. Mr. Clark has
in our local affairs
lived 15 years in San Francisco,
and says all the constitution
opposed to arbitration, & that there
won't be a Republican in Calif
for three years if they can force
against us — although, as Mr. C
says it was Bayard who
committed us — "gave the whole
thing away," as Mr. C says.
Father is my much better but
still looks pale and drawn.
Clint says he has been pretty sick.
He thinks worry — sleepless nights

after the Paris decision
and loss of appetite, had a good
deal to do with it. It does seem
a shame that these old age should
have any such pain and
torment to embitter it.

Clint says there is no danger of
contagion now — ~~there has been no~~
~~abstraction at all~~ — and that
Father is well enough to go on
any time now. The diversion
if he did it need any care
would certainly be good for him.
Perhaps it would be better for him
to stay with Walter when he does go.

Glorious spring day —

Lovingly - Fla. (over

Since writing this Clint has been here and says that Father's eyesight was rendered enough so that if we had had obtained a scope of any kind, we would probably have caught it. Now the fact are well, practically. They are pulling off, and he hardly limps at all. Clint gives him electricity every day.

How is Bette Whitney? She wrote in Dec. that she hoped to be able to see me in January and I have not heard since. Ask Mrs. Dell about her.

38 West 34th Street,

April 5, 92.

Hey dear Aunt and Elizabeth;

We are delighted to hear of the safe arrival of the little girl, and do not feel at all disappointed because she is not a Boy. How do you like Dorris for a name for her? Don't keep the poor child waiting a year for it's name.

Father expects to go on with Aunt Minnie, Friday.

How happy Dratten will
be in the companionship of a
child of her own age - all
her life — I envy her.

Lovingly - Florence.

Rec'd. Apr. 29/92.

39 East - 62nd Street

April 27, 92

My dear Hart —

Please tell me what this bird is.

Size about that of song Sparrow.

Head dull blue with blue line extending about 1/3 around throat.

Back, sides of head and entire under parts warm chocolate (or rather shade of bluebird breast)

Wings heavily blotched with white.

Tail square and short

with greenish tinge.

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olivaceous with some are co
striking white patches on wings — throu
black markings also on wings. bushes
In a ♂ I saw Sunday I & talle
thought the back had a faint marked
suffusion of blue, and black characte
about bill — also almost Call s
reddish spot back of ears. The bo
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in the park now. They both but my
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are eminently ground birds,
though they creep in the
bushes & trees. Song loud
& rather harsh, with no
marked rhythm — argumental
character, a Fringillidæ song.
Call startlingly loud.

The birds have crests that
they raise — not like titmice
but very perceptibly.

Their legs are long and
bills dark steel blue I
should say — looked like

finish bills.

Mrs. Miller + I went up to the museum, but did nt find them in the car.

I enjoy being near the park immensely. Uncle + I had a delightful horseback ride there yesterday.

Migration seems my backward here - W. palmarum + coronata + Hermit Thrush are the only warblers I've seen.

We enjoyed the ruby kinglet

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song this morning — Do it — if — like the birds were!

Have you seen Mrs. Miller's new book — Little Brothers of the Air? It — is charming. Most of it is "In the Black Rock Country" — her notes from L. I. She says Dorcas is to have a new book out in the fall. It makes me want to sing to see everybody else working & not — be able to. But my

Probation is nearly ov
now I hope — my head is
certainly gaining. I don't
say this summer any more —
it is so deathly to set a time
& look forward to it for months
& then have to put it off
another six months.

Well, I don't know what
set me off on this groan.
I go along most of the
time contentedly enough just

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if it is.

If she
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doing What I can — only
once in a while get stirred
up + ——————————

Moral — take life easy, my
lad — don't collapse — it
aint pleasant.

Is it true that Bettie Manley
has consumption? I pity her
from the bottom of my heart
if it is. Where is she?
If she is here I must
see her before I go home.

Jir Jaert refused an invitation
to go to Rockford for the
Hull House summer school in
July. Ds you know Webster
the Lexademist? Dne of his
clubs loaned me some instr
to use at Ruridale the
Other day. Hr- Webster seems
to be a nice man, but I should
have felt better to pay for the last.

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Rec'd. May 1892

Sunday – [May 8, 1892]

My dear Hart;

You can easily what I have been thinking of for two years, and now Dr. Jenney & Dr. Knapp & me if there is a chance of its being my eyes.

Clint has decided the matter of the summer, as far as I'm concerned, and I'll tell you for you may think it strange for me to go off again after saying that I was going to stay at home.

I don't know how much

written lessons, but father does it- Nursie knows things and I don't want either of them to know more than is absolutely necessary.

Clint says if I go and play six miles in the mood and row a great deal- & live out of doors that I will be entirely well in the fall, but if I don't I may sometimes have serious lung trouble.

I had a bad time with bronchitis this spring on the same side when my cold has

gone for years, and - in connection
with menstruation - vivid blood
two days from the old market spot -
by that side. And put after I got
on the bronchitis - before I
had stopped coughing - I caught
another cold that did not come
yet. This has it been down in
the small bronchi at all, for
Christ has kept clear water pit -
and is building me up 10 times
as fast - as possible. But he
says it is very important for me
to get built up at once and the
woods will do it. He says my
heart should have run down I

was – it had a mitral murmur
or some such thing.

Now don't – say anything about
all this – Father or Mother
don't dream of my having raised
blood or of anything that I
could help from them – they
would worry themselves sick
by inquiries you know.
When there really is no cause for
worry. It is only that I am to
take prompt measures to prevent
trouble in future.

Jake
I shall probably go to St. Paul
with the Hackett's – Louise
went to Bermuda with mother

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know. She is the best of company and we will have jolly times together.

Mrs. Chapman was my kind Jim sure, but I don't see how she expects to see me. She surely could not expect me to call over her from just that casual meeting at the A.O.U. I don't go to see people Jim know always — can't seem to get time.

Edith is living with the Dr Camps — teaching the children — coaching them — out of hours & going to the

College for the
^ Training ~~School~~ of for Teachers.

She is doing good work &
enjoying it, and it is the best
thing that has ever happened to
her. The home life at the
Dr Camps is also a great
thing for her — She is my
helper there & friend.

Lovingly — Fan

American Ornithologists' Union.
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C. HART MERRIAM, Secy.
Locust Grove, N.Y.

Friday —

Rec'd May 16/92

My dear Hart —

Dr. Knapp examined my eyes yesterday morning. He found no disease or trouble of any kind except that they were ill — a my common defect, he says. He gave me a My mat glass & use in reading writing and sewing, and I am in better

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that I will feel the
benefit in my head before long.
You will be glad to hear
that my cough has almost
gone. I don't intend, however,
to go home until the cold
raw state is passed.
In writing Father, I'd
like to have you endorse the
Placid plan in a general
way. Mother has written him
about it; but she does not
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for ruling me, so you must
be my careful that you say.
They will worry enough & it
will be hard enough for them
to be left alone this summer
millions making it worse.
As long as I know I will
devote myself to getting well,
and Bim a regular grandson
for. can mean I set out to
you know!
So don't you worry, dear.

I intend as well as expect
to get well, and being warned is
all that is necessary in this case,
I have asked Jonnie Hurlid to
engage my room from July 1
and Clint says "his mouth,
at least", so it will probably
be till Sept 1.

I have not gotten over my
atrophine yet so don't fuss
much like writing.

Mother joins in Love
Gus Fleen.

Rec'd
May 16/92

East 62nd Street,
May 20, 92.

My dear Elizabeth;

Just sent you quite a
torn our breathe away.
To know any chance of his
returning by New York?
If we thought he would
we might wait on a few
days to see him.
I suppose he has no
address.

I wish you would write me
what the Fish
Fish offering is at
all events.

I do wish
I think, from
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I'm am my glad to hear
that you and the babies
are doing so well.
I suppose Dorothy misses
her papa.

Poor Aunt Minnie is still
quite disabled and lays
worn. She has had a
my hard time.
I want to see Betty
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my much better.
She is going to the
Catskills the first of June.
Mattie joins in love to
you all.
Sincerely yours,
Flora A. Miller.
Mattie returns Uncle
Wallace's letter. We are

hoping to hear Helen can
soon. I am very sorry to be
away while she is here, but
if she cannot go with me, she
can probably spend the time
visiting the other northern
relations. I do hope she
will have a happy time here.
I want her to feel that I am
as glad to see her and have
her with us as they may to
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had a chance for an outing.

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3 East 62nd Street,

May 20, 92.

My dear Elizabeth;

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To think any chance of his returning by New York? If we thought he would we might wait on a few days to see him.

I suppose he has no address.

I wish you would stay with us

I think from what he writes me that the Red Cross officials are

hoping to have Helen cast soon. I am very sorry to be away while she is here, but if she cannot go with me, she can probably spend the time visiting the other northern relations. I do hope she will have a happy time here. I want her to feel that we are as glad to see her and have her with us as they are to welcome us. It is really the first time the poor child has had a chance for an outing.

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Amst. Aug 29/92.

Sunday (Aug 29/92)

My dear Hart —

We are very glad you are so near home again, and only wish we might see you here before we go.

What fun boys flying on their United States in that informal way! Did it give you a good deal of courtesy that was new to you?

I enjoyed your address very
much. What an immense
satisfaction it must be to
gather up the facts other men
have accumulated and relate
them to principles - to discover
the laws of nature.

Do you know what Darwin
says in his Voyage of the Beagle
about the Glacial Period in
the Antarctic? He was
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of time? If both men at the
same time, the southward migration
could not have gone so much
farther than the equatorial regions.
Gen will be glad to know that
my third (and last for this season
I hope) cold has almost gone, &
that I am very much stronger. Yesterday
I walked three or four miles
in the park this morning & dined

and then hills & a half this after-
noon all the better for it.

Mr. Chapman & Ernest
Thompson - who is here now - are
getting up a Key for the use of the
young boys of the land. Mr. Chap-
man has written the keys to the warblers
& the field ones (& adult males) is especially good -
written so that anyone can under-
stand it - & identify from it - a
great comfort after struggling with
Ridgway in the field.

Mr. Brewster is out of danger &
the Dr says can go back to work in

Amst. May 29/92.

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three months. Mr. Chapman has gone to spend a few days with him at Concord. Mr. Thompson is going to spend the summer on the prairies & then go back to Paris for his year more art work.

I suppose Mrs. Miller has gone to Ohio for the summer - she was to go last week.

Cousin Julia dined here to-day. She expects to go to

East Glouceter for July- 65
skeletz - r wantz me 6 join
their party, but I leav it
any iden that it is the thing
for me 6 do. If Jin 6 get
any food from the woods
Jin got 6 be there. Hmm,
I'll ask Clint about it.
Aunt Minnie is still my
uncle disabled.
Jn an 6 must Uncle Jo-
anstin at Uncle Sus' birthday
dinner 6- morrow nig.
Uncle Sus is getting out of his

old class work into archaeology
has been lecturing on Greek art
this year & is to give a similar
course at the Metropolitan
Museum next year, & a new
course in Columbia on Greek
literature — that he has to prepare
this summer.

He is looking very tired & worn
now. I like the feeling that
he is a very lovely man.

He wants to know if cards
can be exchanged — in
connection with the Athenian

school work. Do you know
anything about it?
Mother sends love. Says
she is anxious to know if you
can get home.
Lovingly - Fan.

Locust Grove, N. Y.

June 5. '92.

My dear Elizabeth:

Your good letter should have been answered before we left New York, but in the confusion of packing it was neglected.

Helen came directly to Utica, as you probably knew now, and so I course it would have been unwise for her to go to Washington now, aside from my desire to have her here in June and while I am at home.

She came last night, but I

can hardly realize that what I
have so long been waiting for has
actually happened. I do hope
she will have a happy time.

She made an admirable teacher,
as self possessed and intelligently
alert as she always is, and with
the same poetic eyes for anything
suggestive and beautiful.

Tell Aunt Mat we have a
duplicate copy of Humboldt's
Views of Nature, so I return the
one Father brought home.

Aunt Helen has found
her home, and is working in

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her garden again. She is pretty well, although quite thin from her winter illness.

Do you think it safe to keep the baby in Washington during the heat of the summer? It seems as if it would be my duty to do so.

Helen's package came safely. She is explaining it would send messages.

With love to Aunt and the babies,

Sincerely yours,

Flora

Rec'd June 22/92. Ans.

Hammond,

June 16, 92.

My dear Hart;

I mailed for you as we drove along the rim to hear the whip-poor-wills the other night. I never saw the ferns (orbiculata) so luxuriant before. In fact the rains have made all the vegetation very luxuriant.

How the mermaid got along with it - I don't see, but one has gathering out in the woods now so the eggs must have been laid

before the rain stopped - when
the ground was saturated.
At least I suppose so — how long
does incubation last with the
rubbid?

I am waiting a Telegram
with
in a couple of hours!

"Gray" has come back & is taking
tea now. She heard a gunshot
& walk this afternoon - sitting in
my lap & lapping it up out of a
basin like a kitten. I must get
Lizzie Miller to bring her camera
over & take her picture.

Helen is not engaged to Fred Koch

+ does it want to go back out.
She want to support herself too.
She is learning to typewrite & has
some reasons in case of necessity.
He will have to hold a family
council and decide what is the
best thing for her to go with.
I am very glad she wants to stay
too. It would be like burying
herself to go out again.
My head is very much better
I can really accomplish a little
something without getting tired.
I think my plans have been
a success.

Did I write you that Clint found the day before I left that my breathing was at last all right + thought if I could be insured at the same rate that I could + stay home through July? I shall write him the end of the month just how I feel + do as he says. I want to make a sure thing of being having no return of trouble — would give up anything this summer for it, for I have a horror of consumption — if you ever start it on lung trouble you're guilty sure as end there.

My cough has gone except when it is damp. When I cough or raise again. And my chest is not strong yet - it is a mark spot as my bowels have been. I take exercise regularly & shall increase them as I can without feeling it. Now I'm drinking 2 qts of milk a day, and am out doors half the time, so I ought to get strong. I am strong - my will for all except that slight - bronchial weakness. If you think I ought to be in the wood more than six weeks I wish you'd say so. If I should have trouble next winter

I should think I'd keep my
foolish to let anything interfere.
Don't say anything in writing
[illegible] that will worry father &
not him — but if it seems wiser
to you to go in July you can
say that & I'll understand.
Do look out for those babies.
Lovingly —

Wrote to Florence & Father June 23/92.

Home —

June 22. '92.

My dear Hart —

Something my different has come in about my going to the woods. Did Mother write you all about Father?

Sunday the Dr. told me after the mumps had gone down he told them that his only real fear was pleurisy. Father's action was thick & his color a livid red. Now he says that he thinks he will be all right if he is careful enough about his diet — and but he is far

from Will & you can see my
plainly that I don't want to
leave home short of necessity.
I have it time for more
now — Have you suggest anything
but for Father & later or do
I need of future trouble?
Do urge him to let the case go.
The morning he came down he got
up the bones of cardenia &
his face was livid again. I don't
believe he can bear the strain of
any excitement or anxiety.
Hastily J

Home —

June 29, 92.

My dear Hart —

I don't know what to do about the woods. I asked Jennie before if she thought Father would enjoy going them, and she thought he would be bored. Of course he can't row and it would be some time before I could row him, and he'd be in terror any time I went out on the lake without him and would sit him anything to do around the hotel. There is no fishing up there. If he got to a point to row us it would be my opinion & one of the main

Mary Clint wants for me is the
township. Now what do you think
about it?

It does sit—seem right to go off
and leave them. In addition to the
pain worry he'd leave me on his
mind then, and if he was sick
I'd have it all to carry
+ any worry pulls her right down.
alone ^ How does it look to you?
Perhaps I could go for the
middle of August and stay the ^
time. By that time we ought to
know how he is going to go.
I'm certainly gaining steadily here.
When it's not damp I hardly
know I had a chest. Don't you

think that will be all right?

Father intends to go to Union to
see Judge Hosley July 16th about the
case. How I dont think he ought to.
He gets tired out just walking
around the woods and that
fatigue with the strain of talking
on the case is more than he ought
to attempt. Can't you do something?
And then Henry — ought he to take
any liquor? And is it safe for
him to take hot baths?

Captain Burdick is to spend
Saturday & Sunday here — he was
born at Holland Patent.
How is Dudley?
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Rec'd July 17/92

My dear Boy—

Your first letter I good
news came it felt as if a load
had been lifted from our hearts
and the still better news this
morning makes us very glad.
The little darling!

I went to see Dr. Johnston this
morning, & he says that he thinks
Father will be all right now, &
that it will do him good to go
with me & if he comes home
again it will be all right
for me to stay — As long as he

is careful with his diet the
Dr does not apprehend trouble.

So, as my chest does really seem
to open in a little I am going to
make an effort to get away next
Wednesday (13th)

Letters will go with me anyway.

My address will be

White Face Inn,
Lake Placid,
Essex Co—

Did you ever know the Florida
gallinule to nest here? I
found feathers in a redstart's nest

that Mr. Chapman says belong to it, & he thinks it is quite far worth for a binding record.

He enjoyed Capt. Rundin. Do you know the Dr. Ralph of Utica whose collection he is to loan?

Hastily with dear love

Yr

Howard

July 7, 92.

Rec'd July 20/92

My dear Hart—

Do you really think Placid is too far east? Look at the map & see how in the heart of the mountains it is. Macey is right in sight & the Adirondack Sanitarium is at Saranac only ten miles west.

There is a great deal of balsam in the woods & the hills that enclose the lake are embowered in woods—with the exception of a small village at the other end of the lake.

It is much better for me here in every way than it would be

If by myself or alone with
Father. Louise Husted & the
follwing but I company
as she knows the rest
Just Ida in the house & is
always in the food times
I get what I can would
under the circumstances.
She Increased me Cut weight
+ says as Clint did when
I left that them was no
trouble now - only makes.
We three girls are to leave
a boat together - Louise & her

Sister Minnie —

The table here is my food
& nutritious — all the milk
& cream you can drink &
food meals & meats.

I'm drinking cream & eating
balsam blisters.

We left & have this
afternoon from Dorothy.
Father is improving here —
he enjoys the girls & the
place & is amused &
forgets to worry. He got
my tired coming in but
looks like a different person

Now. Dr. J can use some digitalis pills for him in case his circulation should be bad again.

Yours truly
J.L.

July 15, 92.

Rec'd. Aug 18/1892

Lake Placid,
July 3 & 4

My dear Hart,

I'm glad to hear you're not sick & that Bessie has work for a while. Must a relent it must be! Now Hart I told you what we have been told about the situation here. I wrote Clint but I can't remember writing you.

Mr. Pratt - a consumptive who has been coming here for twelve years has studied forestry maps, &c. &c. in relation to the location of his camps; camps that

the forest ground from balsam
to that the air saturated
with it — that the warm balsam
forests are to the south west
as that the prevailing winds
as they come laden with the balsam
laden gales from the south-west —

that we very rarely had a
mild firm the cleared
region of the north-east.
He also says that it is dryer
here than on the west side.
because there are fewer bays
bodies of water.
He tells marvellous tales
of fish that have been

resurrected Lee. I am
always coughing & raising lee
Man & lean since March —
hardly cough at all — which is
pretty well for two mules is it
it? By the end of the eight
I hope not to know I can
lead a chest.
or
I round four miles then
then swing — flatten paddled
& Lassie & I round — & I
was a fresh as ever the next
morning. I paddle when
Lassie & I am out alone
so getting both kinds of

byrecise.

The price for single rooms on the third floor is $1.75, but for two I think it is $2.25. Board $3.50 but I am to have 1/3 with Louise & Minnie (her sister) when Father goes, so that will reduce the expense.

W is doing Father so much good I hope to get him to stay on with me anyway.

Christ - is going of Aug. 15 but I suppose will go directly through to the woods.

I do hope you'll have a good vacation, & that Dorothy will

got as close as ever before
you go back to the city.
Must therefore bend here."
The hermit is the easiest
bird there is and the one
I don't know - it begins with
a call note - not as heavy as the
"chuck" of the hermit - it is
not so clear or long or
with the variety of the hermit.
It is none of the three I
know - hermit, wood or
grey.
Which is the great
red crested woodpecker -
pileated? He saw one the

other day. Reaching up a
dead tree trunk. I saw
hand it into you on Fourth
Lake trail. It is the one
you had in your collection
(definite!).

This is the second rainy
day in a row in two weeks.

Sorry — Steve

Rec'd. Aug. 26/92.

Whitefaces Inn.

Aug 15 92.

My dear Aunt:

From Uncle James we hear that you are having a good time + I am delighted that it is so. Do make a real vacation of it.

Father is already writing me about going home, & while I feel that it would be very foolish I want to know what you think I can afford before going. I shall write Clint too, but I think you know more about the effect of the words, & your word goes a great way at home.

My cough has been decreasing
all the time but I have not
had a day without a trace of it
(since March)
yet — it — is the same
little dry hacking cough the rest
of them have up here. Don't
imagine it is much — at home I
hardly coughed at all except mornings
& now often only two or three times
a day (& present I have a little
cold & so it's slightly increased).
When I began coming I rested
frequently & took it very easily so that
as B. motored you I got to Row four
miles without being troubled. But
one day we had rather a heavy load

& I pulled too hard & strained
my chest a little so that I then
had to be careful ever since. Now
I'm getting again to row & paddle
without feeling it, & yesterday I had
that itching in my chest I used
to have in my colon when it had
been feeling badly & was better.
I can also stand up straight
without feeling that I'm straining
my chest, & there is more
elasticity there. I don't feel it
the way I did when I cramp my
chest. Now I am getting
hungry & thought the cumulative
effect of the pollen is gone & the
milk makes me bilious & stile

drink a good deal of cream.

I altogether feel that I have made the best possible start. but I also feel that it would be thrown it away to go home now.

Don't you think I can afford to lose all my cough + all feeling in my chest before I go home?

first how much ought I to afford; How can I tell when it.

Will he write for me to go.

I don't think Dalton appreciates the condition a difference between this + home.

If you think I'd better stay longer confess you can so when you write home it will make them more comfortable.

Mr. Chapman says to tell you, with his compliments, that if the feathers are not those of our Canadian Hare it is only an alternative European one. has been recorded here. He says there was a "white" stripe on one rib of one, a brownish tinge at the edge of the second, & ~~white~~ blackish bar to the white under tail coverts.

How much balsam ought I to take now? & how is it taken? Is it a teaspoonful & stirred it? And how often? Is it a few drops in water a day. Is that enough to do any good?

It has been so blessed with
bleeding piles this summer. I
suppose it's because my bowels
have been bored so long that now
that motion is quite strong enough
for solid bowel movements. It
then anything better than motion
+ pendiculated?

Miss you for a long
row now — Lovingly Fr

THE WHITEFACE INN,
LAKE PLACID,
ESSEX CO.,
N. Y.

September 5th, 92.

My dear Hart;

You good letter came last mail, and decided me to stay here longer.

After I wrote you last - from the time I had that itching in my chest - my cough decreased rapidly & my chest got to feel almost like new.

Last mail I had a little cold, but the effects of that am wearing off - & expect to gain my fast in the cool bracing fall weather.

There is a Mr. Bulkley who has joined our party - a partner in the firm of Spencer, Trask & Co - New York - who had two hemorrhages & whom Lungs are beginning to consolidate & he has cured himself entirely by chest weights & inhaling. Now he has been accepted by the Life Insurance Co - has a wonderful

chest development. I have begun trying the inhaling & mean to give it a thorough test.

We are having a very bright jolly time. We have had a party of about ten all
(a table of our own)
summer & collateral funds are coming & going so that it is very pleasant. There are so many of us that we have parties of our own. For instance, the other day one of the girls was having so on the afternoon we made a flotilla of five boats & rowed around the island together. Then in the evening we went down to the boat house & the Princeton boys made Scotch Woodcock on a chafing dish & we sang College songs till eleven o'clock. Then there have been a number of camp fires etc. To-morrow we go off for an all day picnic at Wilmington Notch.

Louise's brother has come up for his

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ESSEX CO.,
N. Y.

vacation — he is with William Wood in New York
& then is a medical student here too. So we
have plenty of bright young men besides a very
pleasant party of intelligent girls.

The Edgars leave by the 20th. but if it
seemed best I could stay here with Mrs.
Elmendorf. The house will be open till Oct. 15.
I will write you again how I am getting on
so that you can tell about my going home.

How much longer will you be in the
mountains, & have you any idea of going home
this fall?

What a delightful trip you must have had.
In going about I miss the scientific interest
so much — Someday I hope I'll be
able to go off in the field with you.

The mountains & lake have been a rich feast to me this summer — a source of unending delight — you know I'm never had my fill of water before.

We can't go on the lake after tea now, but we are on it all day long — from 10–1 & 3–6 every pleasant day. I'm hardly read anything — no like our books but it is so beautiful to observe them. The only thing I'm accomplished is a journal. The old fever is coming back again — the necessity of describing anything I see — and what a pleasure it is! This is truly a beautiful world.

Pa, I'm heard of a name (of a Smith & Harvard Annex girl) that I think would suit the baby — not Carrie but Carita — I suppose, it is from the Latin caritas — a pretty meaning as well. With love to you all & a kiss to Dorothy — Your loving sister, Flora.

Arch

Lake Placid —

Sept. 11. '92.

My dear Hart;

I guess you'll have become to the rescue again. Father worries me so about going home — writes about it in every letter.

He does'nt want me to stay after the Hustedes leave — next week — you know how he is. The fact is that I can stay perfectly well till the house closes — Oct. 15th — there will be plenty of people the old here — Mrs. Edmund of whom the Hustedes are very fond of the Lady of the house is as a Brooklyn society lady before her husband lost his money — I could stay with her as chaperon

if no one else I know me too.

There are always big open fires when it is cold so there would be no question about its being warm enough. The people who stay say it is the best time of year — dry + clear — invigorating.

People speak of how much I have picked up lately. I am gaining fast. My bowels are better than they have been in a year — I stopped having pills, my chest is much stronger, my cough almost gone + I feel well — in good spirits + more vigor I have color all the time now, + have gained five pounds in a short time. One lady told Fannie that

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the thought I was not gaining, but
lately I had picked up wonderfully.
I emit have to come - just for a
notion of Father's — when by staying
longer I can get on my cough &
get strength enough for the voice.
Lonie — you know this lead
two years at the medical colleg—
feels my strongly about it. She
thinks I ought to stay just as
long as possible - that it would be
my wrong for me to go home-
that I am gaining & ought to
stay to make it permanent.
Do see what you can do with
Father. He seems to think I can

get just as much good at
home — says its a healthy place to
(not meaning all the families who
have been wiped out by consumption)
Jim writes home so funny about
our good times I suppose he
thinks I want to stay for
honourse — you know him. Of
course he means all right but —
it is hard sometimes,
I do want to get cured now if it
is possible — Jim had given
enough of being miserable & made to
work. I have nit courage for
any more of them. Nt cowardly but
if does nit seem as if I could face it.

I think Christ makes it harder in our way - He thinks Father's lonely & that perhaps I'll be all right & so does it say decidedly that I ought not to go home. He seemed to think I could go by the middle of September. I don't think he appreciates what the air here does.

Write me just what you think - When I can wisely go home, & do so if you can't make Father appreciate the importance of my staying until that time.

With much love —

Flower.

Do any gulls nest in

the Adirondacks?

Rec'd. Sept. 28/92.

Lake Placid —
Sept. 25. '92.

My dear Hart;

Have you ever received my letter about going home? It must have reached Cleveland the day or the day after you left. The family has been my good about it since, & have decided that I can stay till the house closes, so it is all right.

We had a delightful trip last week. Mrs. Edmunds made up a party to go to Wawbeek Lodge on the Upper Saranac — eight of us & two guides. We drove to Saranac village where we took boats & rowed up the Lower Saranac, Saranac + Saranac River again
River & Round Lake; then by carry to the Upper Saranac & across that to Wawbeek

Lodge - which is on the west side of the lower end of the lake — the Chautauqua Road runs it in detail.

The Stern woman in our boat had such a thing as that I did it learn to row at all — was coxswain for the crew & paddled on the river — so it made it easy for me.

We went on in the afternoon & got back the next afternoon.

Saranac River is beautiful — how you can learn them! It turns every few yards & now with the trees changing the reflections in the water & the whole effects me what you can imagine. The lakes do not compare with this in beauty — the mountains

do not approach ours.

Do you know anything about the respective climates of Tacoma, Spokane & California (San Francisco & Los Angeles & San Diego) for Lung trouble? A friend of Dominic's who is leaving from acute phthisis, but you is going west to settle & I said I would find out if possible. The dampness seems to be against Tacoma, but San Francisco is about as foggy as they make.

If you can't find out do you know anyone I can enquire of?

As he is going quite capital I suppose the business prospects would be about equally good anywhere on the coast. How is that?

Mrs. Eisendorf may keep Spen until Oct. 10th. but— unless some one else comes she may leave soon after the 1st. I shall stay as long as she does unless something unexpected happens.

How are the babies now they are home? With love, affectionately, Flem.

THE WHITEFACE INN,
LAKE PLACID,
ESSEX CO.,
N. Y.

October 4, '92.

My dear Kent;

I was glad to get your letter & know you had written home. Thanks for information about Spokane etc. it was just what I wanted.

What can you tell us about "Gardner Hubbard"? His niece, Mrs. Capt. Hyde. is here now & I have been with them more than anyone since the family left. She is a very pleasant woman & Capt. Hyde is also very friendly. He met Capt. Burdick once in the field & the second time saw him in full dress in a box at the Opera "doing the politic" Am German style. He says he hardly recognized him!

The house closes this week & I go right down on the Webb road to Port Leyden with Mrs. Edmondson — she may stop a day on her way to N.Y.

I could go to another hotel across the lake with the Peters family, but it is too far from the lake + woods & I should have more of the real good of it & only be among consumptives probably. I think it is better to go right home.

I am in splendid condition now — my cheeks are round & I have good color all the time — & I am really very strong. I feel vigorous & ready for work. I'd like to settle down at home for two months & just try to work up my old notes. Judging from the cold snaps here I think the cold would do me no harm. I don't know how it will be with Father & Mother; I have had two slight colds so have not entirely rid of cough but — hope to at home — the change of air may do me good again & I shall drink milk there. Lovingly — Ella

Amend. Nov. 20/92

My dear Hart —

Were del the boulders come from in the Adirondacks — are they merely split off from the mother rock or have they come by glacier from the Laurentians?

Do you know if squirrels eat mushrooms with impunity, or if not, if they can distinguish between them and toadstools?

Do the root of a red or black or yellow birch ever smell like wintergreen?

Why is the bark of a birch loose? Does the tree require more moisture to take that way of getting it? If so, why should it require more?

Was the Adirondack forest originally all coniferous?

I was struck by the belts of wood within a distance of a mile or cedar alone - balsam alone, spruce alone — at least each in turn the great majority. What should make it - in such close proximity?

Is it the nuts of these woods annoying? The woods are the next thing to Meak Bay Dic museum.

The writing of my Placid notes — had 150—200 pp. It is such suppression to be able to work without getting cold of I'd be willing to stay here all winter, if we could keep warm.

I sit it - my tale for white throats, screech owls and golden thrushes?

The squirrels are building nests - there must be 18 - 20 in one woods. We've five - one with a split ear we knew last year. Some come to the wigwam for comments — two beside Gay will almost eat out of my hand. I'm afraid I'll take them through the window, & would be of general use in making pictures that would do for studies for drawings for illustrations? I'd like to write them up this fall. & could fit admirable pictures, as I find them on the library window sill.

I'm getting along finely. The

dampness affects my throat + gives
me more throat couple but I have
my little of the Adirondack couple
+ don't cough mornings anymore.
If we'd have had weather, with the
milk + cream I think I might get
entirely free from it. If comes it's mad
which means chest — + any extra thing
like dumbbells or chest weights causes
me. It is so hard to know how much you
can do. Now — the squirrels of course
do build in fall? The leaves are
brown as if just picked + I've seen
2 in some trees in process. You back
does it — say when they build or if
both male + female build.
Is the dark rose an indication
of youth? The fading of the rose
is indistinguishable is it not?

I wish I was going down
to the A. O. U. It quite stirred
me up last year, and now it would set
me wild.

I suppose you'll have a good
visit with Mr. Brewster.

When you know for the good of the
Public if you are to go to Paris in
February first telephone us.

Lovingly — Fleur.

Rec'd. Nov. 28/92.

Hammond,

Nov. 23, 92.

My dear Hart —

I'm glad you had such a good A.O.A — wish I'd been there. I can't comprehend Cowes for Presidents; but I suppose you know.

As to the Kodak. I'll tell you what I'm for & could get & you'll do. I have two pictures Lizzie Miller took of Gray — one ~~today~~ standing erect on the fencing floor resting her foil on my hand as the cats — the other sitting in Edith's chair. I could get all the Grays that come to the barrels now —

Aunt Hilda is staying in Chicago

These are not good enough for direct reproduction. Will only do for studies for drawings.

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Hotel,

Nov. 23, 92.

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Aunt Hattie is still staying in Albany.

These are not good enough for direct reproduction. will only do for studies for drawings.

there were eight yesterday.

I could also draw a number of
items to the piazza if I could take
Visitors
them from the library, & the room
is light with the snow now.

Gray has seem to be so much food
now she does not come to us
much, though she is perfectly tame
when she does come — ah! in the May
by taking away outside
Cup the first day. & I might get her again but
Could probably get one or two of the others came squirrels
on the piazza with mother
Partridges, I fear, are out of the
question. Have seen only one fly
around the house this fall.

It is early yet.

I am writing up Gray now —
have full detailed notes — probably
a 4000 + word article.

3/ Now if you think the other pictures are will add to the value of the notes + the interest of the article enough to pay, I will gladly pay expressage both ways. Probably it would be owned by the more ready sale of article.

I know how to use a Kodak only in a small way — of course have run number of films and. But - you can surely give me explicit direction for me to comprehend.

If you send it tell me if I double (double window) can take through glass — in library or dining room & if instantaneous?

I mean if they can be in motion.
I should say much like boys
the pictures.

He shall probably go down
in about two weeks, so if you
think best, you'd better hurry up.

I feel as if my cough was really
going for good. By corn my throat
is more or less irritated, but I
cough & raise much less form
hardly at all.
below stairs. Guess the cream has
done it.

Tell me if you know where the
boulders come from in the Adirondacks
& if the ledge is same in Spr &
squirrels. I think its darker in S
but that is a guess. Affs. J

Kenwood

Dec. 11, 92.

My dear Hart—

Well I am thankful

I can sit—but Rem that Kodak!

I've packed it—& I'm to send

it to the Post—to-night.

I shall lie awake eight's tell I

hear if the pictures took.

We may spend the 18th at

the Falls with C. C. but will

be in New York the next day

as with us then— 38 W 34

I shall be glad to be out of

Lizzie Hart Bradley

Mrs Thos Hastings Lenox Mass

Kenwood

Dec. 11, '92.

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Mrs Thos Lynch Baltimore

Mrs Thos Lynch Baltimore Dec 4 - Kodak

damp
this cold & coming. It is so
monotonous. When it is not so
damp it is all the piazza, you
get your clothes wet if you go in
the woods, and even the roads
fall when you go to the same
the fortnights have been our saving clause.
place every day for a month.

I have yet been to Aunt Helen's
but when I go four times in
six weeks — it's been so raw &
cold I was afraid of the
mud. I can get interesting
exercise in New York &
exercise is the one thing I
must learn to avoid colds & keep
in any sort of condition.

If I can start I should be
all right now. I think.
I'm practically lost all but a
slight throat cough, which the
dampness since I came home
has given me. At Placid my
throat got as sore as ever
as any one's, but now it's got back
to its old hallowe'en condition
again.

I don't believe there's any
need of my going south this
winter. I don't expect to the
March winds in New York, but
before that the matter ought
to be all right — I should think.

Don't worry — I gave up long
ago any idea of doing anything
definite this week except to
write up notes. Dinner to
later my typewriter & write up my
California bird notes. That,
with two walks a day & an
occasional Philharmonic
& interspersed relatives & friends
is my present programme.
Regular work, exercise & enough
diversion to keep you sensible —
which I consider a good prescription.

Aff - J ———

Hois Operation not as painful
as was feared.

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

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My dear Aunt —

Mother had an bad
spell of yesterday for the
first time in a week. She
is about the same to-day,
but does it come up as from
a bilious attack. She has
been very sick. Christ says
she was in the first stage of
pneumonia — her lungs are
badly congested.

I shall do our packing

as I can and will f
as soon as it seems best.

He telegraphed the

Dr Camp that it was

-38° yesterday. They have

had a blizzard there.

Affectionately, Fr

Ans'd. Feb. 26/93

Winter Park Fla
Feb. 22. 93

My dear Hart—

Here is a letter from Mr. Miller — see what you think about the place in Utah.

Also unload from Annual Friends. Must use the "similar article" be, do you suppose? A Sun reporter was at the Seminary & asked to call on the Mrs. for a "special purpose".

Mr. Chapman suggested he meant the Sunday edition

but nothing has happened.
Could a man do such a
thing as that, do you
suppose?

Of course the long article
is fun now. So if you think
you can persuade some
editor that he want to
buy it I shall be glad.
I'm glad you like it. I'm
been desperately discouraged
about my work, so it's
comforting to do something
that's liked.

I'm casting over my Calif

rats & find a good many
rats on Rabbit that will
not do for Rapulan use, but
might be new, as there is so
little on Calif. birds. Would
Capt. Bendire want any such,
do you suppose? I'll send
you some samples in a day or so.

Do skunks ever kill
Gray squirrels? Find unlikely
want the cache, but
I don't want one skunk
killed or kept around
them would cache squirrels
Them is not much going
on the field these now, but

Here are found accessible
breeding grounds where
migration begins.

The cockaded woodpecker
is the most interesting bird
in Texas, so far — new to me.
In remarkable carrying
ticks.

The blue-jays frolicked
makes me homesick for
Twin Oaks.

With love to you all
& a kiss to Dorothy

Aff. Pa.

Wilder Park. Ills —

Mch. 1. '93.

My dear Hart —

Your letter has just come. As you have decided to go home for the summer. I cannot that decides my movements. And I think it is just as well. for though I have always wanted to go with the field while you & would enjoy nothing more than seeing such grand new country if I was strong. I really do not feel able to make a hard trip anywhere now. I'm all right as long as I have an easy time, but at any extra strain

I — collapse — & a hard
camping trip would wear me out
more than it — would tear me up.
It is much better for me to
quietly write Mrs. Miller.
Father does not like the idea of my
going If alone with her — neither
of them do — & he talks Placid.
But — if — I'm going anywhere I want to
go where I'll get over my cough —
not merely get better of it. My lung
is strong now — did it get tested at
all in packing this time — & when
I'm far from cold & hardly
cough at all. I think then
two days in New York when I —

did it cough once; but if it's
worth going anywhere it's worth
going to a better place than Placid.
Besides
I should regulate time and then go,
for I'm fresh now & want to be where
there are birds & I can work. Placid
is for rest — pure & simple — & I'm
beyond that now.

So if you know of any practicable
place in Utah, speak up. And let us
know when your Arizona news comes.
Do you consider Park City out of the
question? If Mr. Bailey knows more
definitely about Utah places, ask
him — but I suppose you have.

For bad you're all been sick.
I should die if anything was the matter

with my children!

I hear it been good for anything
quiet) came — the change of
climate — or something upset my
bowels — I hear it — done
anything in the field. Am better
now. Fortunately a worker is
resting in the garden opposite the
window. I'm getting my Cal. notes
planned. If I can't write them all
up here, had I better get out the
Isabella notes & send to Capt. Bendire
to be in time for his next volume?

What the use publishing that
squirrel res. if I'm not to pay for
it? I don't know what I'd do with
it - if it was published. Affy

11th

Rec'd. Sacked. Jan. 13/93.

My dear Hart —

The Dr. feels encouraged about me this mg.

There has been only slight thinking of blood with discharges — mostly the working of the liver.

She has had a movement every ½ hour 6 hours for nearly 24 hrs. but the Dr hopes to check it. by medicine to-day.

She smiled yesterday — grass + coppers green — of which the Dr. was glad.

She has injections of Opium
& Starch every three hours.
Arrowroot or flour gruel
every an hour.
I don't know what medicine
to give for her. Mr Emmons
to speak of yesterday.
If you think of anything to
suggest, tell me. How I
wish for Christ! But this
man was at the same college
I believe, & Dr Forter (Clifton
Water Cure) recommends him
& has been there 3 wks for the benefit
for) yes. & he seems to help

her. It seemed the best we could do.

The nurse is a responsible elderly woman of good judgment. Mother's nausea is milder to-day. She does not sleep as much as she did yesterday.

She does not have pain except with movements - but did have some yesterday & we put on mustard.

Will let you know of any change.

She is not as weak as you would expect after her sickness in New York & all, but it is

Guilty hand ——
Aff — Fr ——

Sunday Mar 12.

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Dear Hart—

Nothing is my sick
b-day. The Dr. says
he can't tell if she will
have a long sickness or
can't tell anything about
it in this disease.
Georgie mostly bloody
legged b-day. a running
like sprinkle.

Ardelle

Mar 13 (1893)

Monday morning

My dear Hart —

Mother was so sick yesterday it did not seem to me that she could get over it unless then was a wonderful change. When she was on the bed she would fall asleep half a dozen times & could not get life enough to make the effort to get up. And that horrible lifeless look in her eyes. Once she had a rattling in her throat — It was a fearful day. I felt that I simply

simply could not be left
alone with her last night,
not knowing what to do
when she was so low.
So the Dr. sent for a second
nurse, who proved to be a
great strong motherly motte
woman who has nursed
64 nights in succession at
one time, and who understands
her business. She is to have
the night work & the other
nurse, who is not very strong,
will take the brunt of the day

work, so that I can get through with it. I could not bear such a strain alone long. I did not lay my clothes off Thursday night + slept only 2 ½ hrs. Friday. Her nurse till six took all Friday night, I was so worn out + but I left at 2 Saturday morning + was with her till the second nurse came at 10 Sunday night. Father is not to go to the room unless absolutely necessary (nurses) + only two ^ ever to be in the room at a time. Of course

no one else goes in. She is to be kept as quiet as possible.

I've been writing this at intervals & have forgotten what I had it told you of the changes to-day — it has made me feel so like a different person that I could talk of something else — remember about how we did it.

The Dr. has stayed in the house every night — comes from Orlando by train in the

evening & hears after breakfast

but yesterday she was so much
stayed with the morning &
worse he came in the afternoon
& was in & out all the evening.
Whether the new medicines,
quieting nurse with relief from
anxiety about our wedding,
or progress of disease — or all
together did it, she had a
comparatively easy night &
this morning looked like a
different person — not that
face &
horrible drawn deathly
look with in the eyes, &
the movements are more

natural. He has begun
stimulating tea — claret +
brandy + some back to
opium with the starch.
He says he thinks she is
going to do well now —
that she is decidedly
better in every way. I feel
as if a horrible night
had been lifted.

Will write you of every
change ——— Ever Fc ———.

Tuesday — March 14
(1893)

Dear Hart

"You will see by these
that she is better — then Dr
says she has a little chance for better
& nothing more.

She had then best night yet.
with fewer movements & better
character.

Hartley — 7

Had a great deal of
pain yesterday
Put on flax seed poultices
" one to day & all after
& alcohol to allay nausea
(all along the most distressing

constant symptom)

Since last ms complaint

of pain & scarcely any

nausea. Tongue better

Saturday — 18

Dear Hart — < Mch, 18, 1893

Jim Dr said Mr deliriums was not surprising yesterday, that "of course m'd rather not see it," but — it was "not alarming," & "not to be wondered at," that she has been very sick, with intense inflammation in the bowels & great inflammation in the stomach.. & " is very weak.

This morning he considers her better in spite of change in character of movements. She is sleeping quietly now.

Your letter of 15th came yesterday. Can you suggest anything? Affy

Sunday [Mar. 18, 1893]

Dear Hart —

Her Dr thinks she looks better this morning than ever she was sick — she does not know me, but he ought to know what it signifies. The character of the movements troubles me but he says she is better in spite of them, this "of course m'd" rather not see it."

I can't feel that we are "out of the woods" yet. Your note to Father came yesterday & Lilly came from Collin this I had told him as little to worry him as possible. Have I write you every day. so if you don't get it you know you will. [illegible]

Saturday night. E.D.B.

7[30] Movement. Light brown a little mucous and small flecks of blood

7[50] Movement. Brown, mucous, blood and green matter. = Proceed by Moaning.

8[00] Enema start.

8[40] movement. Watery with few flecks of mucous. Enema start.

9.25. Movement dark focal matter some mucous + green flecks.

11[55] Movement. very small. clots of bloody mucous, also clots of green enema. Ah.

4[55] movement. Watery with few flashes of mucous. No blood decidedly bilious in color + odor. The best I have seen in the case.

Monday morning

longest interval in 10 days
EMH 17,1972
a.m.

Dear Hart – No movement from 2 — 9.20 this
(brown)
morning & that a good firm movement – characteristic
Friday (?) You see the Dr. has come back to office
again with markedly good results – if there are
the results of keeping the arteries from wearing
off & sloughing. Last night he gave it mainly for
heart – & pulse came right down. She will have
it every 4 hrs to-day. He says this is the best report yet.
The pain may have been due to cold put yesterday – sudden
changes in weather & he felt it coming before we knew it. Ah!

Sunday Directions. Mar-19

Bismuth (capsules) every three hours (15-20 m between food). With tea-spoonful of liquid.

(Opium - none, unless one movement an hour; - then, once in three hours.)

Enemas of steak (alone) if interval between movements is less than three hours.

Beauty - tea-spoonful an hour when awake.
Claret- and iced-tea if desired.

Food { Beef juice
Chop "
Steak "
Softened crackers or rice with broth

2-3 hr.

[1893]

My dear Elizabeth;

Aunt will tell you all our news - all that has happened and is likely to happen; what we have seen and have not seen — But before we leave I want to thank you again for the rest I had in Washington.

It was just what I needed — if does it seem as if I could leave home any Angelic.

The lovely peaceful home life, with the dear babies for comfort

Jean invited me so that I
feel ready to go now.
And I am especially glad
of the chance to get better
acquainted with my sister
as I will no more.
Thanking you for the many
things you did so thought-
fully for me.

Affectionately yours,

Florence.

Kiss my "darling Dorothy"
for her auntie, and ask her
if she remembers about the
dandelions and rabbits.

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Sunday —

A good night's rest — a good breakfast — in dining car. The state-rooms is altogether comfortable. Western larks singing. Trees just beginning to show green. I do hope your cold is less distressing. Love to all — F.

Rec'd May 11/93

(Monday 13, 1893)

Wednesday 7 Ill

Snow, crows, rabbits, dogs, coyotes, desert flowers, etc. etc. Sun bright, beautiful [redacted] deserts — birds — rocks, sand, sky, rabbits &c. Hope to see you at Aspen that your cold is better.

Aff F.

Rec'd. May 18/93.

Aspen. Colorado.

May 13. 93.

My dear Hart;

I do hope you thought to write home & that I shall have a letter to-day. It was stupid in me not to think of it. We shall be here probably about a week altogether. Prof Jones tells that the reason is so late in Utah that June would be early enough. He has gone away for his health, which is unfortunate as he could tell us exactly what we want to know.

Is there any thing U.O.U. man in or near Salt Lake City?
Tell J. Jan Mrs. Miller so many names of good bird places. Little Cotton. de. near Salt Lake. that if they pass what we want. we won't need to stay in the city at all. While I should be glad of Antelope Island be advise for the outlet.
The location of this city (8-10,000) is beautiful. It is in a pocket surrounded by grand snow capped mountains. They are riddled with silver mines.

We saw a great many rattlesnakes
in the way from Drum Tum —
flying
& along the streams in the canyons.
& a pretty stupid - disjunct &
should say - in the place we
were detained - when the slide
came down on us.

The mountains were grand all
along. Though we passed the
Royal Gorge by night.

Mr Miller is a graduate of the
Columbia School of Mines & was
offered a position on the faculty
Mr is a kindly gentlemanly man
- is lonely & his mother.

The home is my pleasant
and I enjoy helping Minnie
take care of it.

The mining camp element is
not to my best. as Ill stayed
alone in the house six nights while
the boys were away.

I am my thankful not to be at
the hotel, home, as it would be
awfully forlorn. all alone — & it is
too far from the house to walk to,
& no cars —

I do hope your cold is well
along by this time.

With love to Elizabette & a
Kiss for Dorothy Your loving Florence.

Aspen, Colorado
May 17, '93.

My dear boy:

We are packed &
ready to start for Utah.
Leave here 3.20 for Glenwood
& wait there from hours to
catch sleeper from Denver.
We are due in Salt Lake
at 10 A.M. to-morrow.
Mr. Miller will go to S.
to see us started all right.
We had a glorious

drive yesterday — across the
the mesa and up the are n
mountains. The mesa largely
is covered with sage — the ruby s
smell of it made me + s/sne
homesick for Twin Buts the rose
+ a good fall Sh. the sa
Mentzelia oblongifolia Red s/s
(Minnie says) was blooming silver s
on the mesa — few flowers juice f
as out yet. Within
We rested badly on the an explo
hills & came home. in the

– across
of the
– mesa
sage – the
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ers blooming
ful flowers

ly on the
ches.

The mountains about here are not rocky, but – look largely like the Sierra Madres only with areas of Jasper + spruce (?). They take the rose light at sunset the same as the Sierra Madres. Red spruce, white spruce silver spruce. balsam + pines grow here, the Mc Mc says. Within five miles there is an exposure of state granite in the Inca Trail – southern

+ the main silver mines
are below the upper +
lower carboniferous.

I was disappointed
not to hear from you, but
trust you got along better.
+ look for a good batch of
news to-morrow.

How are the blessed babies?
He missed them sorely.

With dear love to you +
Elizabeth, Fla

My dea

W.

ready

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+ wait

catch

He an

at — 10

Mr. D

to se

Mrs D

Rec'd & Ans'd. May 27/93.

Farmington, Utah,

May 22, '93.

My dear Hart;

We have found an ideal place, in many ways. We fear up Antelope Island because the gentleman who owned it — Cashin by the hand Mr. Hayle introduced us at — seemed to think them was no place for us to stay there; & — mainly — because it seemed so far off & out off. I left Chicago with the beginning of a bad cold, & had a session with it & my bronchs in Ogden, so

did not feel like putting
a long sail (in a sail boat)
between me and land.

Here we are only 1/2 an hour
from S. F. Co three times
a day (A. P.)

I am my uncle better already.
& getting rapidly hungry.
We have no meals with an
English woman where husband
& connected with the Salt
Works — We get her name
at the bank — and
room next door — can cross
a rut bridge & go through

Ten fingers to one Neals.

Mrs. Walker - whom we lodge -

is a Mormon, but is alone

with two daughters (a school

teacher, who is going to do no

washing — a very smart girl)

I have the best parlor —

& am to share it - with

Minnie Miller, as her

Mother has decided to let her,

join us & stay through

- with me till fall.

I have a Franklin stove so

when we have snow & hail

storms - as we did yesterday -

I can keep warm.

Nov. 11 to I can't count

nearly all day. I enjoy it

here immensely — the beauty

of the hills & fort on at-
of ful
Twin Oaks, co only the

freedom & refreshment of

the broad sweeping lines

of hill & valley — hills
snow capped
lake & hills — beyond.

I long to get on horseback

& ride on it —

Fix horse hunting, but

I am formed & Mary get.

"Magpies and Common Crow-
blackbirds, Starlings, Towhees,
Bazinks, Buntings (common) dirty
white gulls following the plough.
The table is generous &
excellent. Unlimited
milk & rich cream & sweet
butter.
No news - not a letter
from anyone since the
batch arrived, as at
Salt Lake.
Write to S. L. & it will
be forwarded as soon as.
With much love to all ff —

Rec'd for Dorothy

Read

Farmington, Davis Co. Utah,
May 25, 93.
Ans Jun 6.

My dear Elizabeth;

Here is the key to the trunk I sent home by Father - please attend to the things as you can time.

And when you get at it, send me the list of things - clothing - you find in the closets and drawers that you think might be disposed of this summer. The underclothing can be

Remember me especially to Mrs. Baker

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kindly
ers.
and hear
already.
Miller
a possi
ved. If
doubtful
all

Just in drawers in the linen
room and left till I come
home, but anything like old
dresses or wraps I may be
able to tell you about.
I'd like to send Cousin
Fanny a package if I could.
Bear her in mind in looking
on the things — she is too
stout for any of mine
waists.

Ask Hart if I can get a
geological map of the U.S.

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by sending for it.

I think when Hart is at
Homewood, he would get
Salter to move away the
stones leading to the kennel-
see that there are no stones
left about the place that
are uncovered - stand with
sharp edges above the ground.
I am so afraid the babies
will fall and hurt
themselves on them.

It has had a snow storm
this morning, so we hope it will

be warmer.

If the matter could get settled as would from be my ambitions. My bowels are so well already I hardly know them for my own.

I received a letter and loan had last good rides already. We look for Minnie Miller this week.

I denied this with a promise in case the house is closed. We takes so long to hear, I don't feel sure when anyone is.

With love to you all
affectionately

Rec'd for Dorothy

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Remember me cordially to Mrs. Baker

Private. [June 19?, ?]

My dear, I am all afluttered in my mind about going with you & also going home in the fall. I have had another bad turn & am very tired & dizzy & need rest & that it does not seem as if I could. Can stand the cold. Oh! camping life. Mr. Miller & Minn don't like the climate. don't think it is drawing Minn & want to go back to Colorado, unless Keighlons farm, my mother better. —

I could stay here & Com all right but have yet to find out if July & August are healthful here. If not it seem as if it

would do any good for me to
go back east this fall. Having
that cold - & it got a bad hold
on my lung - & the kennel broke
& all put me back so I have not
done enough to warrant a cure
by September.

Wish you and Irma I wish you'd
find out how Father would feel
about going in at Twin Oaks
for the winter.

Of course the one thing I want
to do is to get back & have the
winter in New York & Washington
& get in touch with intellectual
life again, but it would seem
foolish to spend so much & go back

before accomplishing what I
came for.

I might just as well
turn back & have for a year
my trouble as my trouble
& anything.

I am better now from this last
session & feel great faith & the
turn back riding. & keep my hand
up & the good & all. but I
don't want to get cast & have to
start off somewhere else.
Just think it over & write
me, but don't say much &
father — just find out
incidentally for there's no use

[illegible] I may be
able to go with him. You can tell
him you saw me.

Tuesday 4

[illegible]

Rec'd Answ'd June 7/93.

Farmington Utah
June 2, '93.

My dear Hart;

I found your two letters at the Office last night, & I can tell you I was glad to get them. The one from Elizabette a few days before was also a comfort. It does me good to think that you think of me sometimes up in the library — it is not so lonesome. Not that I am "blue" now. I did have a pretty "bad quarter of an hour" at Aspen, but now that I have

something to do & feel well
if is much easier. But
some days it seems as if my
thoughts hurt. I miss Mother
so. All my associations are
bound up with little Ina, for she has
been my own companion since
I left college, & we always
had such good times when we
were off alone together. He
was more like sisters than
mother & daughter.

In one way of course it was a
blessing that Uncle Ela could go
as he did, but with all
the missing of Mother going it

was a comfort to her to be
with us & have one tender
care. - it made it easier to let
her go at the end, & makes the
comfort it is that we were
with her. The last I can be
sure of is - not long before
the last - will be a blessed
memory all my life. It
really seems as if the blood
of Jesus as much Ella would
be shed
be shed. I can't be
thankful enough that the
doctor did not turn back.
If - would always have been

a nightmare.

Poor Nellie, indeed!

Unless time is sure and for her & act kindly I am afraid it will wear on her terribly.

Your note & how me make your home mine is my comforting in my loneliness. But you know, Nile Father dies I must take care of him and I am could feel it right for both of us to live in any one else home. I will

than the house feeling when I am with you, though, of the flowers for a rest to my thoughts.

Thank you, my dear boy, for the flowers. I am thankful to say I don't mind it now — my bowels seem like new since I got here, better than since last summer. But I am glad to leave country. like that in land.

My cold is also nearly gone — does not trouble me anywhere, & I feel my world.

I'm glad you've gotten the
article on Biology off your mind.
Will you publish it?

Do you know Mr. Livingston?
It is indeed a beautiful country.
The view of the lake, with the
Island & the snow covered Organ
Mts from the sage brush foot-
hills of the Wasatch is one of my
favorite views.
I see the lake from my bay window.
It is too low in the middle
of the day but cold nights. I swim
nearly every evening.
When will Mr. Bailey be likely
to get here? He must be going to
enroll [illegible] about the county
different towns & birds etc.

Mrs. Miller is disappointed in the flies. She wants a cañon. I'm glad you have seen the Grotz.

Minnie We came yesterday & I shall enjoy having her here.

The ploughing is now around her now, and the fields gone. We saw them eat cartle worms. They say how that they eat grasshoppers. I counted 105 in one field.

We are watching a nest of the spurred towhee in the sagebrush for Little, & have a number of magpies nests in the oak brush. Their nests have been robbed & made them are very shy. Ben Lull an

indignation meeting on my
head this morning.
I think the folks is
Darn congratulations smitten—
but have not been near enough
to be positive.

The flowers are coming out
rapidly in the rear on the lots
now— the Lupin is the most
abundant

Cleato and black headed
grosbeaks are singing all on
the village ("city") now.

I go out with Mrs. Miller
once a day & ride the other
least.

What a comical baby to
be "trimmin her hair." Dell
Elizabeth & her on the curl
the straight curl."
Are it stay in the country yet?
I have been supposing all along
that you'd started. Don't-
wait till it gets too warm.
I will write Dorothy in a few
days. When they do go & you
get back please make
arrangements to have some
one of your boys stay in
the house with you.
With dear love.
Dr mother Mrs.

Dear Y

Farmington,

June 6 1930

Dear Hart;

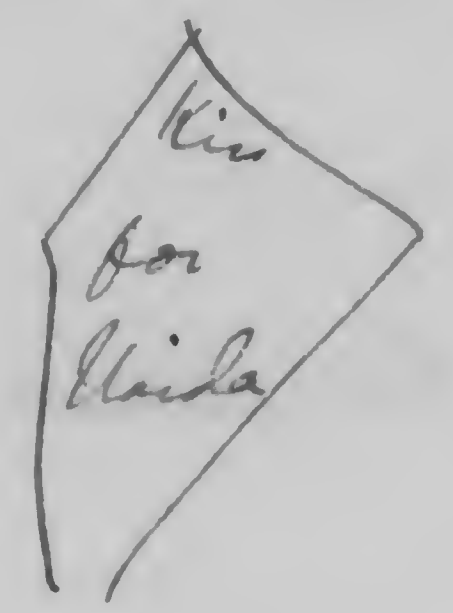
I have decided to send the rest of the keys by you (by the rate by registered letter) those of my two bureaus & my bureaus so you can empty them both. I have also sent what I take to be the other key to the small yellow trunk & both to rest from New York the check both may be there.

I wish you would take
over anything that falls to
him, to save any memoranda
she may have left. He
thinks the family should
all come to me & might
do - what he does with
memoranda. If you find
anything, you & Callie can
consult about it, & let
me know. You had best keep
the originals & send me
copies, as we don't want
to change Carrie's items.

I can write faster
that you will probably
be able to find the check
book when you get home
as you put the things
away for me in the spring.
I will put away the other
things that are necessary.
Please attend to things
yourself. I omit them to
turn faster summary in the
things. You will treat them
as if they were hers.
Collins feels as I do, that
we want her "little room"

left as she left it. It is my little to have the same, in the house. I have no fancy about having the room used, but if Collins has, there are plenty of other desks in the house.

Yours truly —



Rec'd
Aug. June 14/93

Farmington

June 7.

My dear Aunt —

We have decided to stay
here till we can go to
Brighton — It is my
wish to get back to Mrs
Orchard's garden village
after the raining camp atmosphere
on the sands of Iona
We sat out under the trees
last night — listening to cricket
& frogs & watching the
sunset & were — glad to be
back. The bare cañons
seem as desert & dreary

compared with the restful
refreshing news of the
lake & mountains.

We have made a new
arrangement about the
horse — got one used for
this pasturage, instead of
$2.50 a week — a slight interest
as than to pay for that anyway.
This one I can be used to
drive as well as ride as
Minnie can than him to.

Father wants the Mrs
check back, or as it was
sent home in the trunk from

Florida you will be able to
find it when you go home.
I send you the keys of
the trunks. If it is
necessary to have the check
both before you get home
you can send them to
Coz. Julia, but I do not
want father to manage
through them, & would
much prefer to have you
look for it when you
get them.

Father also wants the keys
to the trunks before. If you

will take out her things &
put them away with her
other things I'll send you
the keys but as she especially
told those keys Curiously &
said she did n't want
Father to. unpack those
drawers I am not going
to fix him the keys.

In the same way. if when
you are home & see that the
room is needed you will
attend to taking the
things out of the chest
closet bureau the bed clothes
tires & furniture -

" " + will just leave by themselves
^ I will you would. I
just that I can't let
him realize how the wanted them
kept.

Yours truly Ben

Rec'd. & Ans'd. June 14/93

Farmington

June 9. '93.

My dear Hunt —

Mamma wants to know what harm alfilaria (filaree) does, & if any popular articles have been published about them. What is it that kills sheep de by working into their bowels.

We found a bunch in bud — cheat, goodbait, blackheads with yellow, like a little rye in the head of one & I wouldn't undertake

Illinois also wants to know
what is the object of the
Woolen Company so many of their
Plants have been.

I have thought much on
that Colonies wants to keep
Men there will be seen at the fact.
Poor Boy. I know it will be
hard for him — it has
undoubtedly been a Comfort
especially as he could not get home
& have to care for his Mama,
but & evil men to think
of causing him pain — & he
must feel like Poor Man
& the Load Homesick.

Then it is the only help-
-ful right place for her.
If we can sell the place.
Then it will be time enough
to think of anything
different.
If the change is made
make your own terms. & you can
just it so slowly so that it will
just be doing something for the
dear Grandma the remainder. I
should love to think of her
little darling's taking fresh
flowers there Morning & Night
Summer. If could just be

Grandma's garden, & the baby — nothing but — the thought of taking flowers when Grandma would be pleased, if she were home. How I wish I could take her the beautiful wild flowers I find!

The old Dutch Clock of the parlor in our little cabin where the sweet & dear old lady who has just left has

husband, after one day grew & happy there said "I

want to tell him things.
You know, of adds
"Nobody knows the
trees of it." It is a
comfort to go to see her + try to
clean her up. She is so
sweet + motherly it does me
good. I can take her
flowers if I can't take them
to Kitten; & if it is what
she would have wanted.
What new tenderness me.
sorrow finds in for the
sorrows of them. It seems as

if I can understand
them before.

Write dear Lou to
Elizabeth and the
girls & babies —

Lovingly Ma —.

Kin for D

Kin for S

Answered

Farmington, Utah.

June 12. 93.

My dear Elizabeth;

You sent letter two days
ago found.

I wish I could have been at
Dorothy's little day party!
I have missed the little darling
out here.

I do not [illegible] has taken
up a camera so he can take the
children's pictures at home.
I hope he will be able to
get them. for. He owe her
written about me. Do keep

? out com and coax her
back.

Can the butterflies and daisies
out yet? The butterflies are
just beginning here.

Minnie is making an embroi-
d tam out Aunt Helen
all the new flowers as we
can found them but of course
we don't know all the grounds.

The canvas we bot far away
to make it, and the macaws
mainly
in too — we set sail on flowers
for the ragbrush for hills

3/ Our new house Kate
that we have for her feed-
can be drawn too, so we will
come more of the country now.
We have had three days of
hot south wind but last
night it rained and this
morning is cool again.
I am thankful to think
that you will all be out of
the hot city when this
reaches you.
I wish you would keep
a drawer in my desk for the

4/ Jasper & that come to
Newton and to me. and
keep them in Mamma they
come in the mail. Mamma
I shall never see them again.
Papa that Milton had for
the neighborhood Mrs. Fairchild
understood about and I have
written her to keep them out
and distribute them as before.
How are Frances eyes?
well
Can she really see quite
her classes.

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I wrote Cousin Julia about the carpet bugs under the carpets, but you will want to look under the papers in the bureau drawers, and keep balls of clothing in closets &c. besides. They are pretty well under control now, & if they are touched out for a while longer we may be able to get rid of them.

Mamma thinks sago butter just as buckwheat will prevent thin turning black — just as

6/ Check & Cash it for a while.

Write to Salt Lake City until I write to the contrary. We shall pay liberally keep that address — Inclose in an old blank at Brighton's that we find one of ours.

The warm weather has not has made Mrs. Miller more anxious than ever to get into the mountains. We are trying to get terms of farm keeping here now, but in the valley address us for the

"Just printed in "old Mexico
& Neighbors." "Salt Lake", we may
not find it just yet.
With love to all
Your affectionate uncle
Homer.

Amel. in negative
June 4-3/93.

Farmington,

June 11.

My dear Hart;

Got to Ogden yesterday
Mr. Bailey, Pacific Mail
agent has sent word
I could till the three
o'clock train back to
Ogden, so making the
midnight train west
from Ogden. He is
planning for three weeks
work in Nevada
before to output will

2/ Mr. Loring from O. by July 1.

He talked on the August
trip with the rest of our
being with you — now that
plan is with me. The thinks
it will be no tougher than
the trip he planned & take
his wife on, & thinks it
would be practicable — as
far as he knows the routes.
The question would be on
y strength with us. If my
bowels did not trouble me.
I am quite sure I could
endure it, But if they
do not I am uncertain if

31 would be folly to attempt
it. Illness has left
me a wreck, but
after six weeks of horseback
in bed hope to be much more
valuable.

If it is possible I want to
be with you.

If you think the chances
are in our favor, I wish
you would bring my fiddle
from home — & the Mexican
one I just what I want-
to hang on the mantel
to me. Are it there

4 army blankets at home
that I could have!
Mr. B says saddlebags are
important. How about that
old pair at home? He also
says he will want three
blankets, so if you find a pair
at home you can bring them.
Of course you will let him
know when you can
set definite time.
If it is liable to be very
when you go
cold in the Sierras perhaps
you'd better look out the
woolen blanket to see if there

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if anything Ilsa could need.
I'm sure to be a cardigan
Ilsa + that would be
most welcome to put on
night & morning. I have
no very heavy clothing
for cold matter.
I sent home the key of my
desk through the duplicate
is in the library I think —
behind the door of in the
of my secretary drawer.
The butter bowl was
just up. Glass to catch
the water when the roof leaked

"Is anything turned wrong
the fixtures, screens etc for
curtains are in a box
on the linen room shelves.
or in the rooms where the
curtains belong.

How is Flo's eye?

How does Aunt Helen seem
to you?

With love Dad

Sept 7.

Farmington

June 22 [1893]

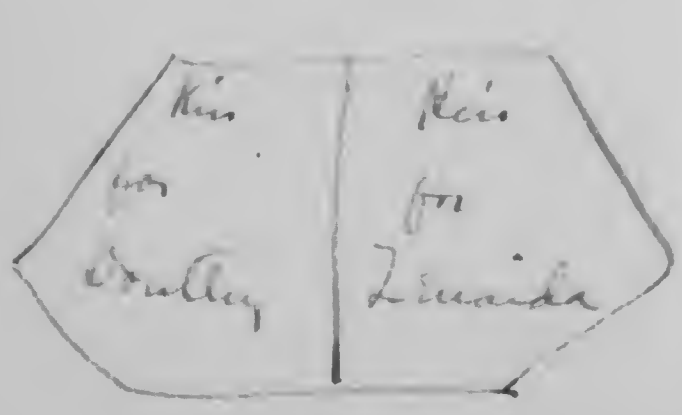
My dear Hart:

I wish you would bring me my heavy old brown ulster: It hangs in town closet at home & is just what I shall need as it gets cooler & I am in cooler places.

I had a grand ride to day. The smell of the sage on the hills is delightful.

The wild flowers seem to be gone from here.

Faithfully



Who have you got to Farmington
stay in the house
nights?

June 24

Enid Ky 2/93

My dear Hart;

I am feeling much better
quite like myself to day after
two horseback rides yesterday.
I had a bright idea this morning
to ride down to the lake every
day to get the strong salt air.
I can do it as long as the county
roads, but keep it before as it
was too lonely a road. It
will be as good as a cure
I am sure.
I also had another idea

I think it best if I go to California I can spend from (one term) September to June, at either the University of Palo Alto (Stanford), doing light work in English (Literature & work in writing & criticism) that will not interfere with my resting & living a great deal out of doors. but at the same time will give me the mental stimulus I need after my sickness so long.

After that I can go to from Palo & stay through the winter

3/ Eaton, so getting enough work
to really make something
worth while.

Don't you think it a good
plan? To make the Califor-
nia trip first.

And Mr. Palmer if he knows
where Mummy has the better
English department.

Mrs. M. - Mimi will probably (July 1)
go to Brighton soon after it opens
for a week or two, after which
Mrs. M will go back to Cornwall
& probably take Mrs — with her.

4/ Unless they find a new place when
it will be better for me to stay where
I shall stay right on here where till you come
I can ride & lead a regular life.
It would do me no good to go there
for a week or two & only break
up the good time getting here.
I shall not mind them going.
I can't be any more lonely than I
have been & won't be as much now I
know the people & am feeling better.
When I was sick Mrs. Walker - when we
lodge - was very kind about -
cooking things for me, & Mrs.
McCaig - where we board - is then

5/ but I wanted more ~~me~~ than any
women, & would do anything for me.
Then if I rides all the morning
& after tea, the afternoons I am
lazily, resting, writing, reading &
visiting grandma Turner across
the street.

If I could sit for with you &
the matter kept in confidence
I could stay on till then & go
to California. But I shall
plan till you come keeping that
may be able to go with you after all.
I'm thankful you got Zuinda
away when you did.

Lovingly Flora
Love

Swier writing that Mrs.
Miller has about
decided to go direct to
Colorado & have
Theima live with me—
not by Brighton's but by
the riding instead.

Rec'd July 7/93

Laramie Wyo

June 30 ——

My dear Hart ——

Mrs. Miller & Minnie say the Nuts are blue. Minnie says more so early in June. I don't remember & can't tell now - they are so happy & blue & purple shade out each & then so gradually.

Mrs. M leaves for Colorado to-morrow — goes back to the old house & home in Cheyenne Cañon with much delight. Minnie stays here & I am going to see about a horse for her this aft. & we will ride together when she is beginning.

I rode on 12 miles day before yesterday - aft & eve, — & am feeling

immensely better – whether from the salt
air, the effect of the regular exercise or my
diet or the effect of meat (we have arranged to
have it for the rest of the time) or from all
three I don't much care as the result is good.
Mr Esdaile to try the bathing next week.
The nights have been cool any since we
have been here with a few exceptions, & the
days are not at all uncomfortable.
I ride all the morning, rest about the
house & read in the afternoon & ride again or
walk after tea. I have not done any hard
work here. I have not had any heart for it –
after what we have been through it has set
around of any consequence how many rooms a
kind ate on tour, & when I have tried to sit
around & watch for things to happen I have

only succeeded in getting desperately blue. Then with Mrs. M taking notes on the various things it has it seemed of any use to make an effort. Then when I have used a comp. stock it has given me piles & piles of it on the ground like dampness (from irrigation) has gone to my brain.

Her riding has been the one thing that has taken me out of myself. But now I feel better & things seem more interesting. I am trying to get books from the Salt Lake circulating library & to have something to do afternoons.

It shows how impossible it was for me to give up Utah for Nebraska. The one form in my dreams of her Lake - Where not of my own having built - as a struggle for her liber-

the feeling that if he really do the right
or something of that kind
thing she will get well — Night before last-
I dreamed that we were all so happy-
she has so much to live — for — that
last Sunday.

Part I know it is wrong & dull on that
side — I do try to throw my thoughts
into trying & mould my spirit like hers,
Such a beautiful life to remember —
such a contrast to an embittered old age.
Well dear —— if is good of you to
write — it is a comfort to hear —

Lovingly Ju —.

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

July - Dec. 1893

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Rec'd. Harvest
July 13 1893.

[Utah]

Farmington —

July 7 ——

My dear Hart —

Mr. Bailey & I spent a day with
us & intended for the shipmunk
but decided by 9 P.M. City for
it. He was so sick & weary he did
us good, though I was sorry
and then season with my bowels
(not nearly so bad this time) &
had to leave Minnie to entertain
him a good deal of the time.

Aunt Jennie will be along next
week probably & I will go to
Ogden to see her, as she cannot
get a R.R. ticket for less than $20
each.

We did not go to Brighton
because ex board was $12
a week & Minnie cannot pay that.

The mountains might be more
bracing, but the riding is the
best thing for me & I could
not roam about in a lonely
but pleasant as I can here.
Hum, I have been desperately
lonely at times, & now that I
know the people & feel home
lonely I don't want to go off
among strangers again.
Mrs. McCaig is a great comfort.
She is a dear motherly soul.
And if we were ill both
she & Mrs. Walker would do
anything for us.

3 days ago at + Eve + Ilse & Edward Adams

And at another place it would
mean all the food trouble over
again — + in the mts. Just probably
could not get meat.

Of course if the warm weather
seems to affect me, & I should
have much more diarrhoea
it might be well to go to Bear
Valley, but I dread making
any change till you come.

Could you write Pres. Jordan
about a room for me at Palo Alto
de? Does your acquaintance
with him justify it? I suppose
it might lead some word from
some one to get the sort of work
I want — anything I choose to take
without regard to classes de.

It would be well to write as early
as possible, & I don't see anything
to wait for.

+ Mr. B. says it is not likely to be much

quite comfortable now — in Dresden [illegible] warmer

I would like to spend a week in San Francisco with Mrs. (Dr) Brown & take my little allowance to me. before going to Palo Alto. The Stanford opens Sept. 8.

Miss Ella is talking of going to Cal. for the winter & wants to be together. How would Phoenix do for her father?

I'm afraid our roof could not cover the two fathers.

Then do you suppose father will go out?

Mr. B is going to find out

about Phoenix & let me know.
He says it is very dusty till
they can find rains. He
thinks Prescott would be good
for the Spring on the way to
San. Fran. Ill.

Do you know when Mrs.
Kuhn goes back to San Fran
in case I could visit along with
Mrs. Brown?

I do hope the Arizona summer
plan may be carried out.

What do you think of
having red Phlox around covered
with pansies, or pansies and
maiden hair, and lilies of the
valley with the myrtle on the
side next to Sirius pass, &
some small bright bushes or
possibly small trees on the outside.
I don't care for the nasturtiums

them. I don't care for a race, do you? I know what this did not care for these things. I like the flowers by themselves better - it seems so much simpler and simpler. What is your idea about it?

Lovingly, Flora.

Dr Minnie Miller knows her Stanford Prof who was at Cornell - says they are lonely people to be with & thinks they might take us to board. I would prefer that to dormitory life.

Rec'd. July 16, 1893.

Farmington

July 11——

My dear Hart;

Your letter came this morning. I am very glad you are staying with the Conlies. Remember me cordially to Mrs. Conlies & tell her that it was a disappointment to me not to see more of her in Washington.

Minnie Miller was at Cornell when she was.

Is Miss Berkeley's name Walter Young, or Webster.

Yours truly
Lamps

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The Berkeley man's name is Walter Young, 251 Webster.

Miss Jordan thinks Berkeley much ahead of Palo Alto — but has real nice & very kind letter to Prof. Anderson who has charge of the English at the Stanford. Does the Berkeley climate knock out of the question?

I am very glad Clint may come soon. He surely will pass by without coming to see me!

But what about you

3/ coming? Can't you learn the
congressional matters while
Mr. Palmer?

I'm very glad you have published your Biology paper. You have gotten it into good shape, so that it makes a dignified strong article.

Mr. Bailey says, Bear Valley is only a 1000 ft higher than we are. I have it ambition enough to more. It is too much of an undertaking to look up a place where we could be comfortable & if I get along well here I don't want to change & if I am sick I should it- want to be off in some inaccessible place out of reach of a doctor.

Then the thought occurred

nights mornings give me
a chill.

If I can make more
headway I'll go to see
Dr. Bascom in Salt Lake.
But this last upset has been
a great improvement on the
previous one.

Minnie & I rode to Lake
Park this morning. Though we
have not begun haying yet it
seems as if the air must
help us it is so hay sweet.
Mr Bailey spent Sunday

5/ make us a most welcome
Smithsonian-botanical drive.
He is so wide awake &
enthusiastic he did us good.
He telegraphed Mr. Young to
meet him here but missed him.
They are at Ogden now
waiting for their boxes to come
from Elk River & Washington.
If they are there Thursday they
are going to take us for a drive
up the Ogden canon.
I thought you wanted the
color of the nuts. in "early
spring." & told you how Mamma
understood them when she
first got them in early June.
Mr. B says they may have a
little more tags etc than the
other department ranges on account
of the lake.
They look Spanish & are most-

by the time — neither blue
nor purple but at sunset
& some blue lines they are
a decided blue. Ruth's fa
is usually on the finish
& red tints.

Do you mean that you or
Clint may come "about August"
I can't tell from your letter."

I suppose Father has written
you that the Pasadena negatives
were not destroyed. He has sent
me proofs from them. How
I wish we had a good

7/ picture of Mother.

I am very glad Dorothy wants to take flowers to Grandma. Dear little soul! I hope she may keep the memory that makes her want to see Grandma; but I am afraid she is too young. How I wish Lucinda might grow up to look like Mother — & be like her!

I have asked Father for him a dozen of the pictures sent me & will send them & some of the friends who have it them.

Eugene Church, Louise's friend who is coming West for his health (& wrote you about - Ezekiel ate for him last

Summer) is coming out
soon & is going to stop
to see us.) shall keep
him here as long as he
can be contented & it will
do us good. He is my
bright & active & a lovely
boy to be with.
So altogether it won't be as
lonely the rest of the time till
you come.
The food is much better now.
Dear Mrs. Mac tries so hard to get
wholesome food & cook it properly
for us. She is as Ellen says "a Methodist in Deed

Rec'd. & read July 31/1863.

July 16 — 63.

Dear Sister:

I received your
kind letter of the 7th
inst. Glad to hear
from you all. Mr. Ridgway is
with me. Mr. T. has a
cold & is not well.
Mr. Young was anxious to
get the D. V. report.
I wrote it & sent it
to him. I have not
heard from him since.
I wish you would
get it & send it to
him. I am not very
well. The weather
is very warm.
Yesterday was the
hottest day I have
felt in Illinois.
I am glad to hear
you are all well.
Mr. Dall's church is
full every Sunday.
Pastor Mr. Crowell
is a good preacher.
The Dayton Reel
Co went to Cincinnati
& Columbus.
I was very glad to
see Mr. Ridgway.
Thursday last we
had a - Reel -
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Fort Sam Houston Texas
July 16 1918.

Dear Father:-

Yesterday I received your letter of July 7th and was very glad to hear from you. Mr. Young was anxious to get the D. V. report. Mr. Young was also here last Sunday and I had a long talk with him. He is a fine fellow and I like him very much. He is going to Camp Pike Saturday to join the 2nd Div. Ordnance Train. He will be a Captain. He is a graduate of Princeton and is a bachelor. He is going to get a car. I wish you would write him and tell him to get the D. V. report. Perhaps the quickest way would be to write to Major Ordway, Ordnance Department, Washington D.C. I sent for a copy of the Regulations for Ordnance Department Duties in War Time. I have not received it yet but expect to any day now. I am very glad to get the car for you as I think you will like it. I will write Uncle Ed and tell him to get the car for you. I am very glad to hear that you have been having such fine weather. We have had some very hot weather here but it has been very pleasant. I was very glad to hear that Uncle Ed was better. I am sorry that Aunt Mary has been ill. I will write to her shortly. We have had a letter from Uncle Will and he is getting along fine. He is now at Camp Dix, New Jersey. We have had a letter from Uncle Will and he is getting along fine. He is now at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

Rec'd July 21 1918.

Love to all.

Affectionately yours,
Ralph.

P.S. I am sending you a copy of the Manual of Interior Guard Duty. I have also sent a copy to Uncle Will. I am sending you a copy of the Manual of Interior Guard Duty. I have also sent a copy to Uncle Will.

2/ the expedition knowledge — o
I was astonished to find such a
grand cañon so near home. It is
entirely different from the climates
of the Wasatch Mts. so rocky and
bold. It was a great pleasure
& made me long to go with you
to enjoy all the changing mountain
scenery you will have.

Mr. Bailey & Mr. Young met
us with the "team" — a pair of
a martial bay & black mare
strong young horses — and the best
knowledge you can imagine for the
purpose — the expedition —
We drove ten miles up — quite
through the cañon to Eden
precinct — a rich farming country.
Mr. Bailey & Mr. Bailey got a large

3/ collection of new plants, & saw a water wheel. What a nice boy Mr. Young is. He has such a smart fresh face & boyish way it is a pleasure to look at him. He is a keen observer too. It is a great thing to be able to put boys in the field the way you do in the formation [illegible] of their lives. An interest in nature is certainly one of the most beautiful influences man or woman can be under.

It is amazing how cheap houses are now. I suppose it is due to the

7/ silver pressure. As Mr. McCoy says, men can't afford to buy feed & must sell. Mr. B. hired his farm by a horse, saddle & bridle for $15! I hope I may have to give away Jumbo when we leave.

Mr. Bailey looked after us in the nicest way, got a room at the hotel for us, etc. etc. as if he had been looking after his sister. Flying we camping a mile out of town & have succeeded in getting a cook who has been in one of the best Ogden hotels. I am glad that all your circumstances are so favorable, & trust that getting out early will be added.

5/ I am feeling my much
better. My bowels are started
straight again now I hurt for a
long stretch, after a hard rub
& bleeding piles. My cough is
less too, and I don't feel the
dust in my lungs as I have
before. I feel strong now, as if,
if I could keep my bowels
straight I would gain steadily.
Ate 2 of our first-salt butter
yesterday & think it is going
to be a success.

Mr. B was disappointed in not
hearing from you at Ogden. They
mean to start Saturday or Monday.
(tomorrow) right up Ogden cañon & D.R.

Rec'd & ans'd. July 21/93.

Farmington, Utah,
July 17, 93.

My dear Hart;

Minnie will write C— one of the Profs. she knows— Prof. Mary or Prof. Smith — prof. of engineering — about board. I should prefer having with them as I want to be with the faculty or post graduate students rather than the undergraduates, & want a quieter life than dormitory.

I have written to the Registrar for a blank for admission of special students & will see who it is to be sent to. (I ordered a copy of the register sent you) If the application is made to the President I would like you to make it. Of to the Prof. of English. I suppose I'd better send him Miss Jordan's letter. Would there be any objection in your writing to President Jordan anyway now? Perhaps it would be a good idea to have him know in your sister / related to the "all around naturalist") Ask Mr. Palmer how they

do such things out here. Miss J. evidently thinks Berkeley "indefinitely" stronger than Palo Alto but says if the climate suits B. out. "Prof Anderson may be able to help you." She says he is a fresh bachelor, doubtless, but his department is not organized as that in B. Is there no chance of B climate? Is it Palo Alto or nothing?

I have written Miss Ella about Phoenix, but you'd better write her something about the place as she wants to go to California because she feels at home there & would not want to go to a place she did not know about. She is at Stockbridge Mass.

I suppose Dill has gone for Calif— about Sept 1. We had another fine bathe in the Columbia Aug. It is delightful. You lie down on the bottom — or in a (in about a foot of water) moment are floating — buoyed up by the water in the most surprising way. We have fresh water shower baths afterwards.

Mr. Bailey's zeal in encouraging Alumni
Botanical tendencies was truly praiseworthy and
did credit to the missionary spirit as flow down
by scientists, but nevertheless he medalled
going to the top of the Wasatch - back of the house -
for the chief summit, & would have made the climb
if our driver had not made it appear easier to go to
mountain
Park City. The day he took leave was his legitimate
holiday - July 4 — as he had worked all that day.
It eases my conscientious about his time. He
thought I was "a hard rider" - said I rode like you!
I am very glad Mrs. Baker was able to go to Chicago.

There is a female elk down at Lake Park.
They found her swimming in the Lake, but don't know
whether she came from Antelope Island or Ogden.
They raise elk & buffalo on Antelope Id. you know.

I saw Conceptus mountains finding large depth
by the Lake
going on the mirage a few A. Utah days ago.
Did I write you we saw 2 coyotes chasing cattle
when Mr. B was here? He thought they were foxes

workers at first, & Mr. McCaig says there are
gray wolves found on the bottoms.

Did you ever hear of southern bear picking
ears of corn - filling their arms with them &
then walking back on their hind feet - stepping
back wards up the steps of a rail fence comes
& walking off to a thicket to eat?
Of their rolling themselves in balls & dropping
from the limbs of trees when getting the scent
of the man who was hunting them. A southerner
who has been two weeks for both claims &
says corns drop in the same way. Also that
squirrels in the south fight beams from the
trees when they are green - cow the earth
and make dust with them - even touching
them afterwards. - The people suggested there that
they did it "to tear the nuts down"!
When can you tell when you are coming out?
With much love - Fe.

Rec'd & answ'd Aug. 11/93.

Farming Ton
Aug. 7. 93.

Hello!

My dear Aunt;

I got your letter this morning when waiting for Christ — too bad not to see him.

I am perfectly delighted that you are coming, & going to stay a week. Call it ten days — that sounds so much better.

If I can have the 2d till that enable you to get to Mr. B. by Sept 4? That will take me to S. F. in time to go to my dentist. Who writes that he leaves for the east Sept 6. I don't will have before that.

If you can go to Ogden with me — get me started for there & it will be so much pleasanter than

I am so glad you come.
till you come.

picking up & going off alone.

I shall write Elizabeth at once about the things. I wish you'd bring them with yours in a small steamer trunk for in here & then I'll fix you a better valise in exchange for it - when you get here. That will obviate my encroaching on & make me more comfortable all the rest of my stay.

I'm not at all surprised at Miss Goodis lack of business manners. but I do hope she will get something somewhere soon. I wish you'd talk to her & find out what it is best for her to undertake. You could advise her so much better than I can at this distance.

We had a good battle in the lake this eve. The gulls are in numbers on the shore now.

This time will pass quickly in anticipation

Farmington Utah
Aug. 7. 93.

My dear Elizabeth:

I was made my happy this morning by a letter from Aunt saying that he would spend a week with me before I go west. I had almost given him up. & had not dared hope he could stay long enough for any entertaining.

Now don't send anything by Aunt Jennie — he will bring all my things. I'd like to have them in the smallest of our empty steamer trunks (it does not matter about the size).

Ask Cousin Jake if she has written some sketches - like the daisies unframed something she can let me have to fill up to make my various ~~articles~~ productions more homelike.

(3-4)

If you want to fill up. Just in case a pair of old black stockings, or half a dozen pads of common paper. I can get both cheap enough out here unless the things will shake around.

If you see anything I'll need if we go on an expedition next summer, I wish you'd just put it in.

Before you leave I wish you'd decide on the best thing to do with my valuables for the winter. I don't like to leave it out here with the brown cloud. Perhaps there would be room for it in Collins cellar. (large) in the outer safe. The Townsitta or will you will also bear in mind?

When does Valerie school open?

If I think of anything more. I'll let you know.

Do write.

With a kiss to the babies

Affectionately Lou

Farmington.
Aug. 13. '93.

My dear Elizabeth:

Many thanks for the list. Ask Aunt Helen if she would like the black (short) smooth milan coat trimmed with braid. If not, would it do for Fanny? If not, Maggie Collins can write me. If not, ask Sarah if she would like it. If Helen or Aunt Helen would like the summer corsets, you can give them 3 pairs. The open drawers outside ones & give to Helen. Mine open on the side. Don't give away any under drawers.

For mgt summer

Gauze under vests - sleeveless - Helen & Chemises - Aunt Helen

Gray gingham
Purple & brown striped wrapper } Sarah & Georgia
Green sateen dress

Does is really nothing large enough for comin Fanny or that list— except the necklace? I want that at home.

Han you looked through the drawers in the linen room? Does mat mean Kings Does.

The music riding is too old fashioned for me to use without a great deal of alteration is it-it? If you think I could learn it fixed, it might be useful. I have really nothing for every day wear between the thick black dress & shirt waists & it might be useful to have a medium weight like that. Would I look to wear it for mornings if it was fixed so? What is your judgment about it-? If you think best, send it by Hart.

Can it be warm enough in Arizona for me to need a white dress? I suppose

not. But if them me, you might—
send him on you all think more
suitable of my hat — in the linen
room? — by Father when he comes.
Perhaps not spring them would be
useful there if it is hot.

Did Aunt Helen get Nettie
Hart bonnet? I wanted her
to have it.

Any other clothing you see around
the house that you think might
better be disposed of, please write
me about.

If Aunt Helen would like
the brown and white Salem
she might better have it to wear
this fall.

I believe you had better send over
the gray Salem waist — it will be

comfortable to study in when it is not cold enough for the stove. I had forgotten on half the things on your list.

I was delighted to get Dorothy's letter! Dear little soul. How I should love to see her. Tell her I will write to her my own self that I hope she will write me again right away. Tell Aunt Jennie how sorry I am to miss her visit.

With love to you all

Your affectionate niece

Florence.

Leland Stanford
Jr.
University.

Sept. 13. 93.

Rec'd & ans'd.
at Kullala, Hyami
Sept. 23, 1893.

My dear Hart;

On the desert the thermometer had been at 125°, but the day I crossed I needed my shawl. The desert ranges had snow on them & a girl who got on in Nevada — learned my section & was going to Stanford (!) — dear to the train through several miles of snow.

Dr. Brown took possession of me in the most authority way. She had this letter from Mrs. Mary

which was a relief, for the Stanford girl had told me of the difficulties in being almost impossible to get room + board together, outside of the girls dormitory. Mrs. Mack

Dr. Brown had written that I would probably not go down until Monday, & told me to go to bed, take a hot bath & get rested — which I proceeded to do very gratefully.

Miss Palmer had called twice & left an invitation to lunch, so I met one & Berkeley Saturday.

Sunday Dr. Brown drove me all over Golden Gate Park — up on the hills where there is a view of the bay & ocean. I had no idea the

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Leland Stanford
Jr.
University.

Just had such advantages.

I got Dyspepsia — that
was what they said from the P.
Phar. on Wakeley's order. Was
that what you meant.

Dr. Bronn told me to get 1/4 gr
strychnine pills & wants me to
take Turrated malline later.

I came down Monday, feeling
like a different person after my
visit at Dr. Bronn's.

I found a sunny cozy room
in a pretty cottage only four
minutes walk from the quadrangle.

Mrs. Morton is a gentle sweet
faced woman & seems very kind.
The table is good - wholesome
& well cooked food - $35 per
month altogether.

Dr. Jordan was most cordial -
said he had been wondering what
had become of me. He said he
hoped he said it had to tell
Miss me his story at once, but
at once made out a list for me
to my proposers
& took me around introducing
me in the double blaze of
Smiths & the only all round
naturalist.

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Leland Stanford
Jr.
University.

I have two lectures every morning,
one afternoon class, & afternoon
laboratory work with Prof. Gilbert
for as many hours as I wish.
Then I am to hand in weekly
papers to the Rhetoric professor.
The lectures I simply take notes
on. The Rhetoric & Laboratory
work are all that I am under
any return for, so that I shall
simply do what I can & enough
for without any of the nervous
feeling of vacations or work that

must be done.

I have a broad field & the work promises to be intensely interesting ——

Social Pattology Prof. Warner

Social Reforms etc " Roes

Evolution — D. Jordan

(he advised my taking it so I had to)

Contemporary Literature as the result of Evolution Prof. Hudson

(formerly private secty of Herbert Spencer & one of D. Jordan's friends)

Tennyson & Browning — Prof Anderson

(critical & comparative Post Graduate work)

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Essay work — Prof. Latterof

Zool. Lab. Work — u Gilbert.

I am going to study birds, first the
skeleton, then dissecting. I have been
waiting for a long time to do
this & have a good chance now.
I want to study their relations of
genera etc & understand
species & subspecies etc.
Do you think of any especially
good trips for me to work in
besides, in the Laboratory.

though Prof. Gilbert is not a bird man, he can help me out on general principles.

Mrs. Brainerd knows I can see from my window — only a few rods away. She was as hearty & cordial as ever & wants me to "come in," so I shall have some one by & by.

At table I am with the architect & his wife & Prof Hudson & his wife — all simple pleasant young people to be with.

Altogether the outlook is

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Jr.
University.

most favorable.

I am going to see about a horse this afternoon. I shall probably ride from 4-6 every day.

There is the lunch bell — I did not good to find your letter waiting for me, & I shall look impatiently for news.

Lou to Chief

Lovingly Yours

Rec'd & ans. Oct. 16/93.

Box 177, Stanford University.

Oct. 8, 93.

My dear Hart;

At last - I can expect to reach you at home. This note from Dr. Brown came last week sometime. If you can do anything for this student I wish you would, both on general principles & because Dr. Brown has been so lovely to me.

You will enjoy reading a letter from dear old "Grandma" - her hand is so wonderful now she dictates to her granddaughters.

Mrs. Walker has been terribly sick with dysentery ever since we left.

In a late letter Grandma says Dickie sings "from morning till night."

You have heard my news from home

Elizabeth: I can't for a Ellen from your own work. Lovingly Ida

I have begun to ride regularly at last. Tom Mrs. Morton's horse for its feed & pay a student 10 ¢ a day for saddling. I am glad you made such a strong point of my keeping on with it for it does me more good than anything else — takes me out of my work & anything else & refreshens me wonderfully.

My books have kept well on since I came. I have been taking the chart for about two nights. I hope to go off on excursions with the Zöology class. Mrs. Libbut is my cordial — we are going to ride together.

Prof. Dudley has come to our house to board — is at our table. He seems to be a man of general culture.

Harry Collins from home was here to see me to-day

Elizabeth: I can't
hear a
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your room
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Lovingly
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"from morning till night."

You can't read my mind from here

Rec'd Oct. 27/93

Box 177 Stanford U.
Oct. 22 — 93

My dear Hart —

It was good news to hear of your safe arrival home. I am glad if Elizabeth can have her visit with her. It will not be so lonely for her. Did she run out of the summer family visited? Did the Chevy trip do her good? You will be glad to see this letter from our little Surdick friends at Farmington. (the W. F. circular) You can it's up of place. Was it it sweet that baby Cecilia asked about me on the way home? She was a little darling. The father evidently furnished the letter.

Your letter note has just come. I am relieved that Dorothy is better — too bad she should have gotten sick in the country. Is it bowel trouble?

Dr. Brown was down yesterday and asked me up for sun Sunday. She is a mother to all the world.

Did I write you about last week's trip with Dr and Mrs. Gilbert + the zoology class? We were out in the Coast Reg. two days + had a glorious time slept on the ground with our toes to the campfire.

I've had such a bad time about horses – both I tried were soft – fresh from pasture – & got sore backs – so I'd decided for a bicycle & try when Dr. Gilbert decided to sell his little saddle horse – a stout hardy little fellow just what I want – so I'm going to buy him at $50 instead of a wheel at the same price. I feel as if the horse would be much better for me, but I thought the wheel would be cheaper.

Jeanne is always

My bowels are doing wonderfully & the time is flying. so I ought to get strong, surely.

If I stay here till the meeting season at Twin Oaks, I won't go away Christmas, but just ride & read & do things. I want to get done during the vacation. What do you think Father prefers to do for the winter? I wish I knew if he would be contented here.

With a kiss to darling Dorothy, and dear love to you all, Florence.

Ans'd Nov. 16/93

Oct - 30. '93.

My dear Ray —

You see it has come. I am glad to know now to get adjusted in my own mind before I meet it.

I believe it — is the best thing in many ways, and I feel as if my duty had been highlighted. I had expected to give up my life as Miss Ella has hers — outwardly. I could not hope to have strength and grace enough to do my whole duty. Now if I can succeed with my writing I

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thropic work — I can do some-
thing with my life to make it all
worth while.

Don't say anything about
father. He is an old man — m
can't — any of us make him my
happy. If his last years will be
brighter this way — they are his
last years.

A little book that Miss Ella
Jane Wilson has been a great
help to me this summer — Written
and bound it — my morning for a

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long time & the face would light
with that look we saw in them
last hours. It shows her
markings in it — what her last smile
meant after all the bitterness
that came into her life — that
wonderful self conquest — that
conquest of her own will — you
know what a will — before what
she believed to be right.
Her vocabulary was different
from ours, but ultimately it is
all the same. If we try to
live in harmony with the laws of

the universe — to free ourselves
to look broadly at life & death
from self will and bitterness — to
put our spirits in harmony with
the spiritual development that
we recognize as the only true life in
the world — we will be doing
what she was doing when she
said she would turn the bitterness
of her life to tender compassion
and loving kindness — when she
said she would conform her
will to the will of "God."

It has been a great help to
me to know what she had to
bear and to know what the spirit

Aunt Jane 16/93

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book by you. It will make
this all seem easier by you.
Read deeper than the words. It
is not what form People
thought takes — it is the spirit
in which they are working —
the goal they are striving for that
is the thing we must consider.
What we want to emphasize
is not our difference from the
old creeds — it is our
followship with all those who

in putting down evil and
liberating mankind — helping
the world on in a spirit of
compassion, making it better
by their bravery in upholding its
ideals. If we would help the
world to advance we must look
beneath the surface and work
with all who are working for
our ends — no matter what their
speech may be.

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happen in his old age. I have
nothing to say.

I spent Friday night with the
Mrs. Kuhn at the Renton. She
was greatly disappointed to miss
you in Washington.

Frank is going to Trinidad
this winter. His mother is well
and has a friend to stay with her
in Florida.

I am not accomplishing
much in laboratory work. I
want to prepare material for

a course of bird talks to be
given in schools — think I'll do
enough lab. work for that and
then go on getting material from
reading — if they have the books.
I'd like to do it next winter — give
the talks — at home — if I could.
I'll get enough field material —
with what I have — this spring.
I have started taking out in the field three times a
week & am getting to enjoy
observing again. The general
outlines of the work here is telling.
With dear love to Elizabeth & the babies
Lovingly Fe

Rec'd Nov. 16/93

Box 177 — S.U.

Nov. 7, '93

My dear Hart;

Dr. Brown sent me a letter from the colored man — did I mail on it to you? I can't find it.

"Billy" & I spend all our afternoons from 2-5 — out of doors — & it is a relief. I found Cab. wet after lunch a few minutes & the flash & so changed it — to 8 - 9.30 A.M. Then morning is the best — I can all my afternoons free.

I am going to make a collection of getting material for a course of 6 talks this winter — based Cab. work etc all in Hart derivation. I

am going to study the embryology of the "chick" for light on the development of - But most of the time will be spent making up life histories etc.

You will be glad to know that a number of different people have spoken of my looking better than when I came — cheeks filling out - color etc. I certainly am better. And the work I am has stimulated me to go on with my own work. My main objects next "semester" will be material for talks & work in writing.

The professor I am working with in history is a Harvard man & a keen critic. And - I shall try to do more with him

next term. I write a paper a week now, but only get his written corrections, & want more thorough drill.

Dr Ross is a force. I mean to take his Dynamic Sociology next term. I called on Mrs. Ross & found her clearing. Love to you all -

Mom.

You will be interested in this Academy of Science lecture course. Prof. Dudley lectures in San Jose to-night at the Acad. of Sci.

H. Mifflin & Co report

395 Spring Field Series

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Send my large bills - I'll pay them

Box 177 - S. U. C

Nov. 9. 93.

Aug. Nov. 1893

Do you want it?

My dear Hart:

I opened the jiffjaff of a Clarkis Grebe this morning & found a large ball of feathers - together with a few smelts. Then are a few of the feathers. Can you place them, [Can you come on similar stomach contents in grebes.?

One of the geology students asked me when your "Mammals" would be out - he said they could not do anything till it came.

I have a [illegible] and Death Valley report in my

us in the laboratory.

Aff — Le.

[Stanford Univ., Calif.]
Nov. 25 [1893]

My dear Hart —

I was getting homesick at not hearing from you — when, at last, your letter came.

Thanks for the pads — and — till Elizabeth the crepe came in beautiful shape.

Louise Austin's father has died, after nearly three months waiting. She was not able to lie down for two months — It has been a terrible ordeal for the family.

You remember my telling you

about the little Mississippi boy
Walter and to go down in the
hospital? His mother writes me
that he has come back home at last.
(in Georgia) after two years separation.

Don't you think we should send
to the Pasadena Photographer for the
plate of Mr Muir picture? It is the
best we have & we don't want to risk
losing track of it.

I do hope you won't let the mails
pass without attending to that fistula.
It worries me to have you let it run so.
Did you talk to Christ about it?

I have thought of you this week
at the A.O.U. What a good time

you must have had at Mr. Brewsters.
I hope you have sent me a list of the
Grapes.

What does a fisher want to swallow
his feathers for? Another similar stomach
full has come in.
You know I always told you you'd
have all any 'Mammals' till I got
out a popular edition of it!

I wrote Aunt Jane a long time
ago & told her I should go down
April 1 and stay several months —
till you or Father should come out.

Do you know a Brown
family on Mt Pleasant (14th St)

Mr. B. is father of Mrs. Morton
with whom I live. Mr. Morton's
father was Olin P. Morton the senator.
Mrs. M is a very lovely woman.

I take one of the zoology birds
jobs 'birding' three times a week—
Autumn lectures — good for both of us
as it enables me to go when I plan
& join me a chance to learn something!

I went on to the Palo Alto
Preparatory school last week & took
the girls out — (Dr. Burton told Mrs
Skeleton to ask me to)

I'm getting material together for
bird talks — & hope to give them next

mile at home. Mrs. Miller is
enjoying her classes.

We had 6/10 in. rain last night &
the mud looks like Lewis C. D-day.

I am going to spend the
"Thanksgiving recess" with an '86
Smith girl who is in a school in
San Fran. I shall be there Sat
& will stay at the school. She
comes down here a month for
chemistry lab. work.

I suppose you get home Sat-night.
How I wish I could see Mom
babies Sat-night! It makes me
homesick & think how they're growing up

Dr. Ross has never had trouble
& looks my rich. He ought not to
be working at all, & he has my
heavy work _ besides lecturing at
San Fran. He is a splendid
man, full of enthusiasm &
humanitarian ideas.
Dr. Jordan is building.
I am so much better than
when I came here I don't know
myself.
A kiss to my darling Dorothy
& the little Jet Imaidas — don't
forget those children's pictures —
you really must have them taken —

just think how you'll regret it
when they can't their babyhood,
or if anything should ever happen to
them. Get them taken for Xmas
for them somewhich old aunt - that's
a good boy. Really, you ought
not to wait a day longer. Save on
something else - don't save on your
children.

With love to Elizabeth

Lovingly Ham.

As I did it can anything for
the Kansans when I left, I sent
them a copy of my book. Did it there a
lovely letter from Mrs. H.?

Rec'd & answ'd Dec 5/93

[Nov. 29/93]

My dear boy ——

I can't wait to tell you my

good news ——

I've been writing up my summer notes

& papers & work — all the term, & can

hardly own the Profess, who seems

me most to death, he is so cautious.

But this morning when I went to

get back my papers he talked to me

about my work.

He asked if I meant to make a

book of it —— I'd been wondering

all the term how I could get up

courage to tell him I wanted to.

I said, Yes, if it was worth while — & he said he thought it would be — that it would make "an original & my charming book"! Just think of that!

I'm a happier I could — cry! I'm been sorely pressed to know whether it was right for me to go on writing & whether I ought to break off into philanthropic work, & this encouragement just does me good. Don't breathe it dear, but tell me that you're glad for your little sister. You know Houghton & Mifflin

may not agree with him & it may
even amount to anything, but it
encourages me immensely, anyway.

I'm going to spend the vacation
working it over condensing & getting
it in shape: so some day you'll
receive a budget to read over &
and or to be entertained.

Lovingly Jo.

Nov. 28. 93.

You can tell Elizabeth
because she'll be glad for me
but don't mention it to anyone
else.

Love

I can hardly realize it: but when this gets to you it will be time to wish you a happy New Year! —— May it be a beautiful year to you, my dear boy.

You will learn something from the city later on ——

Rec'd Dec. 22 '43.

Did you get Agassiz's life for
your birthday? Dr. Jordan
worked with A — in fact a
kindly act Dr J did a little
that disposed his History & special
creations. Dr. J said this eq.
that if A had been a young
man he would probably learn
later a broader religious
view — of the unity of law
in the universe.

The great excitement here now
basking
is a shark from Monterey —

None in any museum —

Dr. J is jubilant.

Dr. Gilbert — & some students

went down, brought it ashore

& it came off on the train today

Knowing you make fun for

Chinatown I sent you a

few little pieces from them

for Christmas.

I can scarcely trust myself

to write of Dorothy in law at

the Fair. If you remember them

on cards with margins

Have nicely made Utzy will
make pretty pictures. Talso
saw a scene in Patron saint-
St. Elizabeth & the face was
so sweet & thought &
might like it.

Dr make Dorothy a present
too. It would be sadly out
work, & would give her a
world of pleasure. I wish
I was them to do it.

You'll be glad to hear that

when I had my lungs
tested for gymnastic work
on rainy days. The Dr found
no trace of the old trouble —
" "
no "cog-wheel breathing" or any
indication of disease. My expansion
he found above the average.
I am going to take special
chest exercises for extra strength.
The last cold I had did not
go to my lungs at all.
With a Merry Xmas to you
all — & kisses to the darling
babies — ADB — &c —

I received a dear note
from the little Ward children
one day recently — Name

no trace of the old trouble —
no "cop-wheel rattles" or any
indication of disease. My expansion
is found about the average.
I am going to take especial
chest exercises for extra strength.
The last cold I had did not
go to my lungs at all.
With a Merry Xmas to you
all — & kisses to the darling
babies — ABB — &c —

I'm not this a clever work from the little Barbara one 'is remember?

[Stanford Univ]

Dec. 30, '93.

My dear Roy:

I was glad of your letter last night. How I wish I could have run the babies with them tree! I can't realize that Dorothy is old enough to play with dolls. It makes me feel more than ever how much I'm missing with them.

They don't take the Ark here. The library has it but anything get. With this endowment it will eventually reach with the best in the country, if we get what is reported.

What a sad death - of Mrs. Howell. I suspected that the Roosevelt came from you! It is a most attractive looking book, & will give me hints for my work as well as be delightful reading.

The walks & fields & white
mitts from this way— We have been
having heavy fogs, & [illegible] will
clear them up a little.

I've been busy enough these days,
working in my new Laytonian &
getting ready for Stegosaurus Birds,
evenings.

I hope to write Elizabeth soon.
With much love to you all,

Affectionately Ha—.

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

1894

C. Hart Merriam
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attended to
and.

Stanford

Feb. 10 ——

My dear Hart:

I'm very glad to have that extra note pad cover — but I must confess to a disappointment on it — I thought it was a picture of the babies at last.

I'm sending you by express to-day the mss. of my book — please read it over to see if I have said anything unwise on the Mormon question. I think it might be better not to draw a

line through Lot Smiths name.

If there are no ammendments that cannot be repressed in proof, please send it on to H. M. & C. with my address. If they like it at all, it means a favorable time for a Utah bath after the Statehood discussion ——

Hastily with love all ——

L C ——

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR
UNIVERSITY

Rec'd. August.
Answ'd 10/1894.

Stanford University, Cal., Mch. 4 1894

Wrman.
Off.

My dear Hart;

The Curranis start home
Tuesday by S. P. and I am
going as far as Los Angeles
with them — J. O. Wednesday.
I have been getting restless
here — the people at my table
can get into the way of
grumbling about their food &
that stuffy atmosphere three
times a day wears me out —

got back. Mrs -

Then in done what I came
for, have had the criticism
for my work, & gotten the
stimulus to go on with my
own work, so I feel ready to
go. Moreover the birds are
nesting here & so it is high
time I was down south.

I expected to wait for
Aunt Augusta, but she
won't be ready till after
April 1, so I could not
wait. Wish you'd call on
the Sherwoods when they

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR
UNIVERSITY

Rec'd. Aug. 1st.
Answ'd. Aug. 10, 1894.

Stanford University, Cal., Mch. 4 1894

My dear Hart;

The Summons last Term
Tuesday by S. Pond I am
going as far as Los Angeles
with them — T. O. Wednesday.
I have been getting restless
here — the people at my table
have got into the way of
grumbling about their food &
that stuffy atmosphere three
times a day wears me out —

Ans. & it is very kind of you to have asked. Yours truly, Aug. 1st

Rec'd. May 22/94

Ann Arbor. Mich.
May 10, '94.

My dear Hart;

I don't know anything about Ann Arbor. Perhaps I can find out. Why does he not write when Harvard is so near?

He keeps [illegible] yet. Shall be glad to have them as [illegible] has written for them.

I met Mitt Uncle Gustavus and Aunt Augusta & Pauma Creek at the footy Smith Mts. Saw a water ouzel's nest, and slept under the stars.

Nothing from H. Mf. Co. in a week. Mrs. Miller sent me the

weloved.

Do you honestly think even if I will reach Farmington, + if so would you hesitate to send copies to Mrs. Mac & Grandma, I'd rather they had it first from me, if at all.

Household Gods comes to English by way of the Latin, I think, Where is your Caesar?

It does me good to hear of your being in the country with the babies. Do write more about them. Am hungry for word of the little darlings. It seems as if I must go home this fall when I think of them.

I'm going to keep Mouse for
Uncle while Aunt J is north—
she will be gone 3 - 4 months.
Uncle & I will have a good time,
but alas for the cookin'!
I hope field work will be mill
along before she goes.

Father says he'll be out in
September — & I shall be glad to
see him. I can tell you — my!
Uncle says "tell him to
look his babies — just as
much as he does now —"
& that if you come out
in ~~August~~ July I'll give you

"Cots" - in September -
all the peaches you can
eat & some more.
(It is 6) To-day.
Before your letter came
I had written [illegible] that
instead of allowing for any
other formation for me
that he had spoken of
from his estate. In
should use that to provide
as I have the ordinances here.
for Coz. J. I guess things
will come out all right -
Collins seems to think they
will.

Envelope. Write Kenna St. Ste Elite. Arlington Apts.

Ansd. May 22/94

Twin Lakes. Cal.
May 10, '94.

My dear Hart;

I don't know anything about Ann Arbor. Perhaps I can find out. Why does he go West when Harvard is so near?

The keys have not come yet. Shall be glad to have them when forthcoming. Will write for them.

I must tell Uncle Gustave and Aunt Augusta & Pauma Creek at the foot of Smith Mts. Saw a water ousel's nest, and slept under the stars.

Nothing from H. Ble. & Co. in a week. Mrs. Stellen sent me the Ill. Elysian, if she

Rec'd. May 28/94

La Mesita —

May 19— '94

My dear Aunt —

Helen has a position for next year with Mrs. Guyer in Washington, with a salary of $800! Is it not good news?

I don't know what your plans for the summer are, but she might be glad to take care of the children for you in place of a nurse, if you had nothing else in

new & want to economize.

She will probably leave Virginia with her next visitors
begin to
tax deductions. It is a
splendid thing all around.
Aunt Helen may have planned
to have it with her this summer.
I don't know about that -
just write at random.

Nets are coming on rapidly
now. I hope Aunt J. will
go north in the third & the
fight, though I imagine she
will ——— Love to you all
L.

(July 1894?)

This letter from Grandma makes me
sick. Is it it Cod had? The tone
of most of it is Algie — ~~Tuttyou~~
Mrs. Walbert youngest daughter who
writes for S — she (Grandma)
would never have said most of
these things. You see she
misunderstands the situation.
Woe is me! My mind is so full
of it I can hardly set the tables
in my head. What is Mrs. Talbott
going to do? I suppose she'll
write me in time.

I am very glad you & E & D
went to Delmonico. It was the

kindest thing you could lean
down & will make things
easier all around.

about
Aunt J says July I when Virginia
will help me with the work. I
could n't do it all & do anything
else — I'm not strong enough
for it any way.

I hope to hear from you this
week about this matter — I
want to go home! I don't
could
feel as if I'd go off to Arizona
all alone. I'd rather go home &
be buried under one of my own
beech trees than live out here!

I had a chance to go to the Grand Canon yesterday, but am not going while there rains last & until I feel more ambitious. Charley Crothers drop the team & knew you, Mr. M. said - his father worked for you I don't know in what capacity.

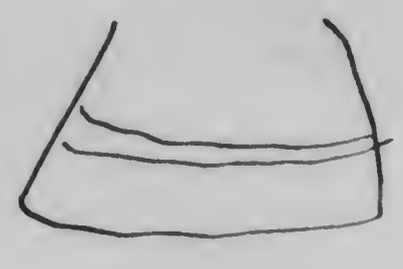
Did Frank know Mrs. Crossman's kid?

I wish you could spend your Sundays in the country as I do. He finds that he can't afford not to. It is midnight, I think. Tonight, I'm

Did you send Aunt Helen any
S. F. W. plants? Her flowers are
a delight. What is this thing they
call horse mint? It smells
tastes like boneset.

I thought I saw a Lazuli bunting
to. day. but am not sure.

Does calfpinetes look as if it had
a breath at the end of its tail



I can see fly for but that
effect. but could not see spots.

Do bed bugs live in the pines? No.
People here say they do - under
bark of dead trees etc.

I see young birds still being
fed.

(Rec'd. July 24/94 Whitehall, Ariz.)

La Merita

July 13. '94

My dear Hart —

What on earth can this bird (or indeed) be? I have written her that I'd written to W. to find out, so if you do know, just send her its name, please. She is a bright woman & quite an observer, whom it would be well to encourage.

Miss Goode — E. R — has had typhoid fever in the Garfield Hospital.

I can't understand the italics in Mrs. Talbot's print of the plant. Flora Hartley may be a Stanford

Gil who was going camping in the Yosemite with the Silberts. Then written Mrs. S. to find if she is in Arizona & if so when. She was on the trip we made in the Santa Cruz Mts. & would be a boon — in Arizona!

Fred Hoch has come back & is going to get some skins for me. Between skins & photographs I shall be bankrupt, but they are both investments.

I'm glad the children are out of 92 - 96°

The man Mr. Cox told me to see from Flagstaff told me of a ranch

2 miles from F. when I might board.
He especially urged my boarding with a
Mormon family on the Ant! — the
only Ant. ranch where I could live
comfortably he said.

I think I shall board at a
regular boarding house in the town &
be as unconspicuous as possible till I
get my bearings pretty well.

Louise is intern in a Boston
Hospital — Bessie Merriam in England —
but — Ju written Sadie Comes to me
if she could join me —

This delay in the trains & mails keeps
me waiting. 13 days no train came
from Escondido — the mail-what

them was of it — came via stage from
San Diego. Hope, thought, I got
off next mail. I want to get home
in time to go to Hammond for a week
or so, & Flagstaff gets cold & snowy
early.

Are it — you going into the field
at all then ?

Nothing more from Jarrett.
I feel like a criminal to have hurt
poor Grandma so — I had no idea
she would take it that way.

Uncle Wallace wants me to stop
writing her while I am alone in
Arizona. Is there any danger, do you
think ? Lovingly — Flo.

Flagstaff
July 23

My dear Mark: Monday —

I got two Sat. night

yesterday, one Mch. Evening — Wed. S

being asleep when I called. Wed S

said that Mun is a gentleman

staying at Gle. Ri Ranch — an

invalid cousin, I believe. So I

came that settled it. Thought

I felt my uncertain about

accepting such kindness

hospitality any more.

Rec'd. July 27/94

Thus is no place in Millbrook
when I can stay — I long
to see Mr. Marshall's ranch
at Newport of the Net.
Miss Mg. to see if she will
take me. The Collies spend
my highly I love. I want to
be where I can hear among these
beautiful pines — I can't bear
the idea of being shut up in
a house in this town.

The air here is like velvet
& full coolness of it. It is
so soft & delicious.

I am very glad I came. I like
it feel even better than it did
on the 1st.

Mr. Coltin has been very
kind - drove me to the S.
+ it a much greater day. She
required little more entreaty
about you + E.

Thank Mrs. A. Austin for
her kindness.

I must to see Colle please
Regina life more + village-
+ it will be better in the
village when cold as the road
+ better now for birds outside.

Here is a place in the
village where I would
like I may go when I come
back from the canals.
I'd like especially to be able to
kneel at the Grand Cañon
for a while, if I could get
possible rate. You get no
little idea of such things by
a hurried glance.

Are not you going into the
field soon? It is not fair
to your self unless you
stay in W. all summer. Or with
how the children are.

Monday —

I went to Mrs. Marshall's
this morning & arranged to go out
there in the morning. Coward for
self & Rose & Tamut
Just now Mrs. (Mike)
Riordan & Mrs Simons
have been here. They came
to take me home with them —
to Mrs. J. M on Wisconsin - the
big house I suppose - the two
they were going to arrange
the Jeffersons I don't know.

They say now, when I
come back — as Mrs. Ll
Sue. They are my sweet
Women. Mrs Mike is
a little like Hetta
Wilkerson - Ll
Addrun
Box 188

Flagstaff
July 23 1894

My dear Mark + Monday —

I got home Sat. night —
yesterday & saw Mr. Emerson — Mrs. S
being asleep when I called — Mrs. S
said that Mr. is a gentleman
staying at Mr. Ri Jones — an
invalid cousin, I believe. So I
cannot tell you anything about
him — I left my umbrella at
Mrs. Jones' — all along of the
[illegible] I left my watch about
accepting such hospitality
[illegible]

Rec'd Aug. July 27 94

Rec'd. & Answ'd. Aug 30/94

Mt. Wing Ranch
Flu Marshall Ranch,
(address Box 188. Flagstaff
July 25. '94 -

My dear Hart;

You must know this ranch - it is the one just beyond the "A. 1" - Arizona Cattle Ranch house - the old Fort - Marion."

I could it have been more fortunate. The Mis are Syracuse people, which says volumes for housekeeping, cooking & general comfort & companionship. Mrs. M. has been a school teacher & is a woman it suits you to look up to. N- is a boy known but my own - which they have given up to me - is flattered & pleased & carpeted & has two windows that would delight you - one with a grand view of the meadows & the mountain - all three peaks - a magnificent view - & the other

Many thanks for your kind letter. I'm glad you got home safely. Yes, Jamie 3 - if came near losing his head! My article in Outlook. I'll send you a copy.

south — look out on the pine woods that cut my soul. I tell you what it is — I have not been in such a satisfying place since I left home. It seems as if I could stay here & be perfectly contented.

It is a grand country — you did not say a word too much about it — & so full of interest. Both sides of Waratah cliff mounts come pinking about the house & I and that splendid lifted ranged on this way.

I could hardly get to sleep for interest the night after I found I was coming here. A thousand things of interest — entirely new to me — right in the door yard — The pines are right back of the barn & the crater with a lake only 3-4 miles away. The cattle roads 2 miles away — the top of the mt (Mrs. Coulter hopes to climb it with me later)

& the Grand Cañon — cliff dwellers
&c! It is simply glorious.
I have visions of another book
already. I could sit & write
placed for material. Had a
narrow escape from Flagstaff —
Of course I would have had pleasant
companionship & picnics & interesting
places, &c. but — I'm not here to
sit — or ride as & play tennis. I
would sit — have gotten some local
color & village life. It would have
been a pleasant but colorless — & so
useless to me. Which is not
grateful to Mr. R — but is merely
that — if a person is to do her work
she must be where her work is.
And here I am. There was so
much to look at — that my I felt

bewildered + excited (There is a blue bird feeding her young over my window) I did nit know what to do first — felt as if I must fly at anything.

The wild flowers are just coming into bloom + delight my eyes.

What a country! — What a contrast to that treeless desolate Calif.!

I am in a state of rapture — which is positively evident!

And I feel as if I can come on in my being here. Such air! I feel as if I could get well here.

I'm already a chance to go up on the N.F. side of the mt. in the cedar belt — berrying in Aug - Sept — with the woman I have my home from. What I hope is that the Riordans will make up a Grand canon party later + ask me!

I'm thankful enough you suggested my coming! Lovingly, Fl

Rec'd. & Answ'd. Aug 30/94

Mt. Wing Ranch
Flu Marshalls Ranch,
(address Box 188. Flagstaff
July 25. '94 -

My dear Hart;

You must know this ranch - it is the one just beyond the "A. 1" Arizona Cattle Ranch house - the old Fort Marion."

I could it have been more fortunate. The Mis are Syracuse people, which says volumes for housekeeping, cooking & general comfort & companionship. Mrs. M. has been a school teacher & is a woman it suits you to look up to. H- is a boy house but my room - which they have given up to me - is plastered papered & carpeted & has two windows that would delight you - one tells a grand view of the meadows & the mountain - all three peaks - a magnificent view - & the other

for Panama 3 - if came via Winslow has gone & may read!
Many thanks for your letter. My address will be Flagstaff Ariz. I'll be glad to hear from you & will write you a long letter soon. I'm going exploring together.

Ans. Rec'd. Aug 6/94

Mt. Whitney Ranch,
July 31. '94.

My dear Roy:

Three cheers! I could hardly eat my supper without grinning from ear to ear last night, after your letter. Come? Of course you must come. Wait - it is glorious! I can hardly wait:

What are you going to do here - work on the ranch? How long will you stay? Can I be with you? Will you go back to Homewood - with me?

Mr. Marshall has been putting the fence here & had quite a little

the Mormons & he says they are
my uncle when they come down
here — that there is no chance of
any trouble.

I've never heard a word from
Mrs. Mac — I do hope I have not-
gotten her into any trouble.

Nothing more from poor Grandma,
either — I feel like a culprit to
even write her dear old heart-
it is so sad.

Don't for pity's sake wait to
get sick! Come along & get in
condition for the miles. — Remember
what a time you had last year.

I'm so much like my brother to want a botany! I despair to identify plants. But the flowers are beautiful here. Is the red one (enclosed) Jerusalem?

What is the trade cat they talk about here? And the big dead skunk? A man died in F. last week from one case after having taken the Pasteur treatment in Chicago - they have them in So. Ariz.

Are the names in your Fauna right for the chipmunks or have you upset them all since then?

I hope to get a horse to-day. Poor little Maida! The little darlings! It makes me happy to

thanks of being with them and
Miles. I'm so glad they can make
a beautiful place to day.

Is it Mr. Burroughs' letter
a treasure? He is a beautiful
old man.

My room has come & the people
are going to take my mail &
I must stop —

Louise Hale

Ansd. Aug. 13/94

Mr. Ivy Ranch.

Aug. 7. 94.

My dear Kate;

I was glad of your letter of the 27th. It seems mean home to get mail so quickly.

You can say letter before this telling how comfortably located I am. Mrs. M is a smart spirited restful woman + - for physical comfort - an excellent New York state cook — My room - I my must up garret to gain it room - is boarded up + papered as warm + snug as can be. They are my kind in any way, + the atmosphere

is pleasant & restful — a relief
after Aunt Ji nervous "spells".

I run a home — a nice quiet one.
I thought I might do without; for
the short time, but found that
I must have it to get the good
of living. Then are 160 acres
fenced in here. Of this much, as I
can walk here — & outside there
is a lot of land I can ride on
with only six pair of bars. I don't
go out of the cleared space much
on the road. You turn around
the fort there is a good wide
stretch of cleared land.

I have not been to Sunday

came out, but many go in Saturday
the Riordans & Co.
& call on them. It is too far to

Combine 2 rides.

It is possible that the Mi
may go to the Grand Canon-
drive thru — & take me inside the
lines are due. We climbed
Ball Hill" the thru day & then
was a cloud burst while we were
there, so that the meadows are
a lake & rivers 3-4 ft deep
surging through the pasture:
I expected to get pneumonia
at least, but with hot campfires
to drink, dry clothes, etc etc. I did not

even later could.

I hate to part with this cough
any cough left, & if I don't get
entirely rid of it before fall, so that
I feel sure it will come back with
Eastern Climate. I have a notion
that I might go to Phoenix for
3 months, Albuquerque for three,
& home — or to W by the first of May.
It is possible that the Mrs. may
drive down to Pittsburg for the
winter, or if I could only go there
with them so as to have some
connection, I could do it —
Then I met a Mr. ____ Eastern

woman on the train whose husband has a military school at Albuquerque, & she could connect me there. I'd like to see the New Mexico country & life. But when you get here you can judge if it would be best, & if I can go home without risk. I have work enough to do to keep me from my deep blues, & I'd do anything now rather than have to be exiled again!

I like the idea of the Presbyterian Church. Presbyterianism would make

the mistake that Adler has
of giving the people only negations
for food. Expression destructive
work is poor stuff to live by —
What we need is a broad pluralistic
spirit of tolerance & charity —
to see & take the good in all systems,
& build up positive & system —
truths to live by.

Mr. M. is off now —

Longley-Cook

Can you send Frank's article
in the Amer. Pol. Sci on Nehru's
Utopia?

Rec'd + answ'd
Aug. 16/94

Mt. Wing Ranch,
Aug. 10, '94

My dear Hart;

The Mrs. are going down to 7 to-morrow, so I can send mail.

Mrs. Mike Riordan has lost her baby — about a year old, + their only child. It will be a hard blow.

I was very glad of your good letter of July 30. It a great thing to have a brother to look after you in this world!

Yes, the village would have been pretty bad. Here, when I'm out riding I can go up back of the house a bit right in the pines — with a grand view of the mountains +

+ birds + squirrels to water.

By the way — you're mistaken
the ranch. We are not at La
Honda in the Rout of Vallen
Rout of Spring & Set out your contour
lines & I'll show you —— I was
very glad of those if you sent. We
are S.W. of the Fort — not N.W. on
the road to Belmont, & about
2/3 of the way between Mt. Wing &
Bald Hill (the hill that is down on
the map as a town ⊙ The road
is not there any more, but we are.
This is much better than La R.
Spring ranch (of which the house
has burned) — as we can get enough

from the rest. to see it — it is a grand view from here — you probably remember Port Moresi.

The crater lake I mean is another one — not Waiau Lake. I'm afraid I won't be able to go & W's till you come, as it is a camping trip — to far for one day.

I have had a horse a week, after several fizzles — I had to pay $40 but Mr. M. thought I could get more for him from selling — the other would not bring anything. He is slow, but has a good "foxtrot" & is as gentle as a lamb.

I think I saw Clarke's Nutcracker.

Mr. M. talks about a bird that

comes round the Cumbres camp. —

black with yellow head & white

on the wings — larger & an oriole but

a round fat bird. What can it

be?

Flu Mrs may drive to Utes

Cañon after the ceremonies. I hope

they will.

I think I saw an hepatic tanager

to-day.

Flum is a worse hen than Aeto &

sings like Parkmani at T. O.

Is this the pentstemon? &

what is the purple flower? Flum is a

little flower that looks like pentstemon —

bery flowr or houseleekia (?) growing in a mat low on the ground - crowned with tiny pinkish & bluish flowers. Ho my Jully. Then is another red flowr - rarer than this red one - with a "barbatus" look. The humming-birds abound about the common one (melood).

Much fun has the tuttle projecting from the cows - Douglas?

A surveyor has said that the timber of the plateau is 20 x 50 miles " altogether 20 x 70; the Mountain pine averaged 80 ft.

On the idea of my being here to tell me all these things! We have a trade rat in the house. The

bring lapins into the cellar
- carrie of lemons etc etc.
Jim getting interesting medical
from M. M. & the people here.
When are you coming.
With much love —
Flo
How are the family?

[Aug. 11? 1894]

Dreamdale

It seem my first real cowboy-
he came with Mr. Mix from where he was
born training, & told me of a white
(albino) deer.

I am glad to hear there
women to ride with as we can
climb Mt. Wing & Bald Hill,
& go to crater lake etc. — I am
about a good deal when I'd be
afraid to go all alone.

I was glad of your birthday
letter — dear boy. I always think
of the happy birthdays you made
scientific
for me at home, going off on a
picnics.

Any sparrow hawk nests around here feathers brushes pincushions?

Is the silver tip the same as grizzly?

A porcupine was shot at the mustranch on the Little Colorado 2 killed in fall. Aug. 12. all the bark of the cottonwood.

What is the pine they call black jack here? The bark is dark & the lumber is not used

If you don't bring your camera — I — won't get the pictures that I simply must have of this country!

The Mrs. Smiths I wrote you about — is going riding with me — also another woman who lives alone in a log house with two dogs & two guns & fears neither man nor beast. I went with her this aft. to see the porcupine she had shot — a fat fellow,

Rec'd & Ans'd
Aug. 18, 1894

Mrs. Wing Ranch —

Aug 13, '94.

My dear Carl:

Do you remember stopping at a Mr. Roden's at Grand Falls on your way to or from the Painted Desert trip? His daughter Mrs. Smith is our nearest neighbor. I spent the afternoon in her house Saturday, when the Mr's were in town — & she said Mrs was a man then getting birds & bugs — & he was a dandy, Jersey man (!) & his wife was English complected! Gradually in talking with her, it all came together,

& that you & I had plotted at

the fatten's for milk & water!

Is it-it-singular!

Mr. M - I must up to le Roux

spring yesterday to get a saddle a

friend of Mr. Mc has loaned me for

a month — an old army saddle.

Did I tell you that I finally got

courage at Dric Oaks to ride astride?

All the Pasadena women ride that

way, & use the Princess, a lady's

astride saddle - made narrow,

light - & better than the ordinary

one, for a woman. I should get

one, but this will do as well.

Will you go to the Grand Cañon
with me? How this sounds it-
improbable that they will go. & I
don't want to go alone with a
tourist party. If you go, we could
hire horses & wagon & drive in
ourselves, saving the expense of
staging. $20 round trip or $4 a day
at the hotel there.

Jim is in no hurry to go. It seems a
great undertaking, & I don't feel
at all energetic, though Jim
already better than in California
& eat - my bowels - they have it

gotten straightened round yet.
Wonyte Ney an infinitely better
Man Carl ever. Ney me it-
as well as Catif Twin Oaks as at
Stanford. I think the nights too
bad cold for an thing, & cold meals
when I was treated de de —
I hope they'll get in good shape
here. Ah. Ill soon to Cowan once
or twice a week — I hope to have
a chance to send E. - morrow.
Will you just have by the first of
September
~~October~~, do you think? & will
you make this your headquarters
or when will we go? Lovingly,
Flo —!

Sept. 5 — [1890]

My dear Boy —

Next week I say to myself!

I feel as if San Fran. Mt. would exist

& something else would happen to

prevent. I can't believe we're actually

going.

The rat is eating lettuce on

the skeleton table as I write & the

M is laying in wait for him

with a stick. He has a round tail.

Mr. M. says all the sprues

here is red.

We have had a rush or more

of rain but - it looks now as if

it had cleared. I do hope

Mr. Ll Jean good brother. By
that time I guess it will.
Wallace - Virginia are in the
Coronado High School — they
got free scholarships — & W
does a little work to help out
his board. The children are
in a family together.
Good by dear — how
glad I shall be to see you!
Lovingly Ll

[Flagstaff, Arizona]
Sept. 10 [1894]

My dear Hart —

Mr. M went to town for your letters to-day. But I have a chance to send to-morrow & will risk it.

I think I'll have to engage a man. There are two splendid + light wagons men — with teams — but they both have often irons in the fire & can't sit around on an uncertainty. One of them, Ed Randolf has been in the northern country for seven years & knows it all a — z. His own ranch is at

Red Horse — near the Canon
(12 miles)

I shant attempt Phoenix —
Mr. M has written Mr. Randolph
to see you at the Bank Hotel
Sept 21 to make connections. He
lives 7 miles south of Flagstaff.

Mr. M. thinks you'd better get
a saddle horse & ride Riordans.
You'd better go to the P.O. (&
bring up my mail) & get word
from me there so you can see
the men before you come here —
distances are so great here.

Are you going to Locust Grove?
If not, I want to arrange to

make 2-3 miles east of Chicago
on some of my old Smith friends.

Thanks for the tablets. I'll
take them & use for results.
(to Rogers Lake)
We went 18 miles yesterday, &
as a result I'm upset 6 days.

I'm glad of Mr. Garrett. We
will be delighted. Ask Mr.
Rhodes you can get tents etc.
by the Riordans, but if Mr.
Randolf waits around for us
it will be only straight to
take his team. He is a
thoroughly responsible man
& would be just the man
for us.

You better buy ½ pint bi sulf carbon & bring up for me to put in my trunks, as I can't afford to take 6.6's cart with me. I brought them here from the world!

Hastily - Fl.

Rec'd Aug. Nov. 13/94

75 E. 61 —

Monday —

My dear old boy;

Your letter with welcome news from L. G. came at breakfast, and it was good to get news, though you did not say anything about yourself. Tell me how you are or I shall worry.

Poor Dorothy! Kiss her for Auntie and tell her she's sorry her "button" is so naughty. Dear little soul. How hard it is to be stern mother!

It warms my heart to be missed — you may be sure I'll be back as soon as I can.

Saturday Eden & I shopped —
till Elizabeth + got everything on
my list + more. You'll be
edified at my appearance — the
my tip of the style! But — I dare
you to go to office in a [illegible]

I stopped at Ed House & saw
her room, & Miss Oley — had a
real good visit with E & Imus
especially anxious to do, to be
able to write Uncle Wallace
about her — it will be a little
comfort — to him as he can't see her.
Yesterday mg. Mrs. Ella — &
Aunt Clemmie Lee and my
uncle Lent is as dear as ever.

Uncle Wm. Dutton's report.
+ lots of more books that are
not what I want to read.

Did 2 sp Wm on Sunday on
my way back to W.

Frank came at 10 & took
me to his Or M. office to see the
plates for his book, etc. They are
good. The book will be out in
May. Mr. Allen came in while
we were there & inquired for you etc.
Mr. Brandis is not well enough
to come to the A.O.U.

Mr. Miller wrote me to meet
him at 10.45 A.M. tomorrow at
the museum.

I hope to get through with the dentist this aft.

It is glorious matter to [illegible] having a day "good time".

Now I meditated on the way over, about my Jury-meeting. I am going to explain the observation blank & must come prepared birds for illustration also to give "atmosphere" & interest to the auction room.

Do you suppose you could get them mounted for me so that they will be ready?

I want

oriole red-headed woodpecker

sparrow (song) hummingbird

barn swallow
chimney swift

If there are some that you think would be better — or looking on the blank — you might substitute. I want the best types of the different groups &

then I think I ought to have charts hung on the wall, distribution maps, etc. etc. Put on your thinking cap & see if you can get just what I want!

Thank for your nice talks for Miller.

I must be off if I'm going to see Christ & Hetta before 9 to the dentist —

Dear Son to Elizabeth,
Her little darling & Dear
Papa — Lovingly Ste —

Rec'd. Hartford.
Nov 15/14.

Cop[y] answered
Nov 17th
Mr Justice
Hughes
writes:

My dear Hart:

My dear! you say how you are.? I had a fit of fidgets about you last night — hope it was nit a case of telepathy.

Jim working away cutting things out but it seems endless. Its been pretty hard work, but the worst is over now.

Jo left some of the things for Collins to help me decide about —

I'm going to keep a trunk
just for family things —
Memento's of different ones —
family pictures etc etc —
I have given Aunt Helen a
number of little things I could it
give to any one else, and then
an some of them I could it
part with to any one just yet.
It has brought it all back to.

Coz. Jule is so smart & bright
so hard to make it easy for me
that it is a great help. No one
could be more thoughtful &
lovely than she is — she under-

& Lands anything o is so
sympathetic & thoughtful in
any way.

Collins will be up this next.
I am giving him all Mothers
religious papers etc to dispose of
as he thinks best.

Have you a picture of your
three - C.C. - C.H. & Sister? We
ought each to have one.

It is raw & damp here & I
am making my work & get
ready to go back, if the weather
does it improve. Did like
to make more than a flying

through New York — I did
have such a happy time
there, & have all so many
things I want to do yet.
I went to Harlem to see
Betty Whitney, the Bowdoin
Dr Camps.

Too bad about Mr. Barrows —
I thought I said the letter in
French desk — with the
Garret Miller one.

Will you to Elizabeth &
kisses to the babies —

Lovingly Ella

[Dec? 1894?]

My dear Hart ——

It is dry here at last
& my cold is about gone,
so I may stay into next
mth. But I plan now to
get to W. by Dec. 14th.
I have nt heard from Miss
Ella about the birds yet.
Frank writes that he has found
a collection for me. I hope
to hear definitely from both
by to-morrow & then will
know what to do.

Callie is coming up to-morrow
to help me decide ~~about~~
what to do with the things
I'm trying to straighten out.
I shall probably spend
one or two nights at the Fells
on my way to Newfork.
I shall freight my silks,
etc — also typewriter — as soon
as possible - to have them there.
With dear love to you all
Aff Le
How are you?
Clint was surprised that you ed get
to office so soon, C. says. Go easy.

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

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[1895?]

Monday —

Dear Elizabeth:

I wish I might telephone over to find out how you all are — to say nothing about bothering us.

If you don't keep me informed about the babies I'll ____ never wash dishes again!

It is glorious here now, after the change in

temperature.

Can you the colored girl? You can't get along alone if Dratty is sick.

How is Naida?

Save yourself all you can.

My dear girl, I can't tell you how I have enjoyed being in a home this winter, to begin to thank you for the thousand little things you have done to make me happy. I only wish I had deserved them.

With dear love - kiss Dot & the babies -

Rec'd. + Answ'd.
May 14/95

75 E 61st

Sunday P.M.

Dear old fellow;

I had an easy & really pleasant time at Norwich. It is a beautiful old New England town, & Mr. Dr- Keefe's home is a spacious home of a cultured scholar. I simply rested - in a big cool room - when not busy — denied at Mrs. Harlands - went to the Silvacis - beautiful basement lasting woman Mr Keefe's old friends - & took

tea with Miss Sullivans - the
Smith girl who got up the
Rural Asst. Lath & Wall.

The walk, my dear, was
from 5 - 7 a.m.! Had
16 - a blind woman & a
horse & buggy! & one man
who came in his wheel from a
neighboring village. After the
tea at Miss Sullivans she gave
me an envelope to put in my
bag — #18! So I made
$28 altogether. She took
me to the station & at 10 o'clock
I was in bed in the stateroom

Dr. Kauf had engaged for me.

This morning we got in in a
7.45
rain, Cab - Front End bare
waiting an hour. We waited here
for the 10 oclock train as it
was uncertain what one to
We then to make sure of
not missing Mrs. M & Mr. B.
They were ill - Mrs. Thomas, so
we brought our lunch back &
Miss Ella made us some
coffee & we had a happy
time in spite of the rain.
We go birding in the park
from 8 - 10 in the morning.

How I must have left my
spectacles in a car marked
Weprowitz Bros. in the Bd.
from Thursday — I never did
such a bright thing before.
Would they - if found - have
been taken to an office in
Jersey City, or where? I want
to hunt them up, if possible.

I'm awfully sorry Dorothy
has the likes measles + chall
Hope it may turn out not to be.
Dear little girls it is too bad.

I'm glad you miss me a little — I hated awfully to leave you. It has been such a comfort to be with you these weeks — dear boy.

Kiss Elizabeth & the babies for me. I'm ashamed not to be washing dishes if Dorothy is sick.

Keep me posted & any changes.

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Dear Lou — Kiss Ray little darling. H

4/5 E. 6th

Friday —

Dear old boy and girl;

Di had a most

delightful experience at

Farmington — rode on in

a Concord stage two miles

& the pretty old town

was the guest of Miss

& her two maiden sisters

Porter in her delightful

old house, full of

beautiful things —

Written Jan 4th 1895.

And. May 19/95

gave a talk (in my
Lavender wrist, Elizabeth!)
before the 100+ girls
last night. and three
hours field work (a
squad of girls each hour)
7-10. And got a
check of $45 !!!
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Then we Visits of
birds & the girls were full
of enthusiasm. Altogether
I really had a lovely
time. Found towards me
skins & the yrel. all of
which was a great help.
I'm delighted that Dorothy
is down stairs & Naida
not sick. The dolls

are not beautiful — as
to their heads of hair but
are papier machés o
called "indestructible".
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Mr. Burroughs has asked us
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Mr. Burroughs has asked us to West Park to picnic in his woods — written to us Mr. M can go to E. Sunday but if the

Written Jan 14 first Sat.

Dear Son — kiss my little darling. H

45 E. 6 St. Wed. Jan 19/95

Friday —

Dear old boy and girl;

We had a most delightful experience at Farmington — rode on in a Concord stage two miles to the pretty old town — was the guest of Miss Porter & her two maiden sisters in her delightful old house, full of beautiful things —

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Rec'd.

75 E 61 [N.Y.C.]

May 22 [1895]

My dear children; —

I devour all your notes
with delight, & am thankful
about the babies. I don't
suppose Haida will have it! —
How about the spectacles?
Now I'm going to begin —
answer questions — Yes,
Mrs. Allen has "caught me"
& is so sweet & cordial

I have promised Bop
for a day or two on leaving
Miss Ella.

Miss Ella sends word
that she is trying to keep
up under my good fortune!

Please send on my copy?
send it to Locust Grove. please.
the Handbook. It is from
the publishers. I have the
finest edition — as you
know by this time. I write a

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would would have had
to be punctured for any
changes & Frank had
signed his contract obliging
him to pay for the proof
corrections - about a figure —
so it would have been awfully
expensive.

Let me see — Have it
written since Sunday.

We spent the day at
Englewood, and Drew saw
such a beautiful woods —
Mr. Phelphs Private
(posted)
pd Petted grounds, with
20+ miles of drives. We
heard & saw hooded
warblers & some Nuthatch
54°
Were seen — drank from springs —
Had and Ther beautiful
day yesterday at West Park.
We passed the place you & Frank went
to for the wood rat.

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Mr. B. had not received
my letter saying we would
come, so was out in the
woods. We walked along
the country road till we
came to a pasture where
the Hudson, Towee, and
ale ree lunch and watched
warblers till he should
get home.
They sent us down to his
study, a bark covered

little building set in
the deep grass among the
trees on the hillside
overlooking the Hudson.
Not having been met, on
knocked with some hesitation
but as Mr. Burroughs
opened the door his
cordial greeting made
it all right.
He sat on strips of
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His study is simply ideal

low mullions looking out

on the apple trees & on

the river, tables piled

with books, and a big

rocking chair in front

of the fireplace. He

took us out to the muck
swamp he is clearing to
give his neighbor work
& himself a need outside
interest. Then he & Frank
& sat on the fence &
tried to cut whistles
for me, while a small
boy stopped & criticised
their methods. We also
lunched on birch bark,
wild cucumber, wintergreen

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+ — Mr. B. gave me a
small section of Jack-in-
the-pulpit root — with a
drink from his spring to
stop the smarting!
Beautiful little ponds —
farms — I think he calls
them — under the evergreens —
Nurseries — Bicknells —
Elk Uprooted greens, —
ferns everywhere ——
it was delicious.

We had a glorious
sunset through the woods
& on the Blackwoods
river as we came home -
a good ending for such a
happy day. Frank Libbey
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To Mrs. Bostock.

Yo- night Frank lectures

with slides - at Ogonts

(50) Friday night - I

am to dine at Mrs. Chapmans,

and Sunday to spend in

the Palisades near Fort Lee.

I have written Lorin Hurlbut

to join us.

Are you getting ready.

to join Mr. Bailey & close

the house when Elizabeth goes.? Nobody knows better than I how hard it is to give up work when you have a career left; but no one knows better how deathly it is to spend years picking up after the crash. Don't risk it, my dear boy. Go off now & get built up while you have some foundation left. Don't wait till the cellar

Wall caves in!

Love to you all -

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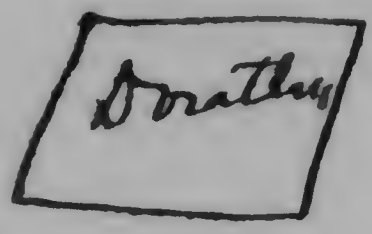
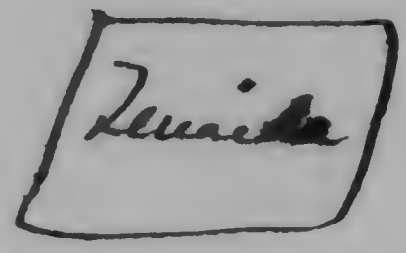




Rec'd. Aug. 4/45

Home —

July 30 — '45

My dear Hart;

Thanks for your #25 —

I'm very glad it — is a little cooler in W.

I'm sad you had to have such a time with the Kimberly's.

Has she ever testified yet?

How is Mrs. Coville? Has she been able to stay in W?

I'm glad you're reading before bed time — novels are better than fussy ?? to sleep on. for you. I did read the

'Rickshaw once, but have

forgotten it — was it a shorter

some kind?

typewritten

My Arizona book is done —

for the first time — which

means, begun. Jim put it in

the safe & gone to work on

birds — have been making

out Pleasant Pepla tables to-day.

It ought to make a paper for the

Auk. You know I have pictures &

nesting sites too. Found for

two nests total hrs. watched 10 hrs. 17 m

5 came to nest & 3 times

4 " " 12 "

too bad about the Rathbuns.
Hope they took more pickles than
pilers!

Did you get the 'Appeal to
Every Woman' that I wrote. I
did it in a hurry & had to use
their material — made changes,
on facts, not style — but it's
better, anyway.

With dear love —

L.

Sunday 2 P.M.

[May 1896?]

Dear Elizabeth —

Willie found the collars
in your room — the Number
they were last day before
yesterday — suspected. I
hope you'll get them in the
morning. Write me if they
are the ones. I'd [illegible] am to
pay the laundry bill!!!

Everything is going beauti-
fully. I sat out on

the steps which the babes played thro' neg. till the
gun came when we
adjourned to the library
+ Lyte writes etc.
Now Willie is getting
ready boy out with them.
5.15 The babes have just
come in with smiling
faces.

Baker before I start. May 1896?
incomplete

I'm come out in front with
them all the rag. How is
going to help me about my
linen front.

Don't feel that you must
rush home for me. Elizabeth
You don't have a vacation
often & had better take
Friday for a rest.

I was glad to get
your note this morning.

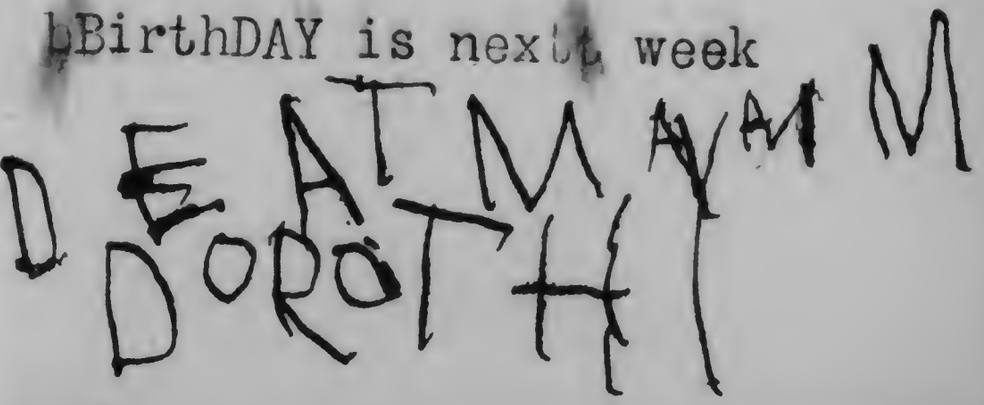
Lovingly

dearmama

please dont stay so long m y bBirthDAY is nexbt week

you musi coME HOME sOONER

DOROTHY MERRIAM



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May 23/96

Baltimore - outside
Wednesday

My dear Boy:

I did it leave time
to write before I left
after all.

I left anything in my
table drawers including
the first invoice of the
Li pictures — the others
did it come! I wrote
him if they were not Dead

to forward Home at
Farmington. If there come
to you first: please send
them on for me to
meditate on before
sending to H. Jones.
May will letter you
about all our various
experiences. I'm awfully
sorry about Otter end.
The plumber was
the one on 14th St

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ter end.

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between Prince & T—
rd & the Coal yard.
It was lucky we got
it first before the 2d
storm.

2 take the thread out
& will go on that
Farmington & read on to
Gore.

Mr. Morrill was
delightful — not a
bit uncomfortable — Wha

a good manly face
to Lucas.

The Remingtons sent
up the (!) & packed the
machine nicely.

Mr. Lucas's diagrams
were splendid. The
only book he'd mention
was Bds. Of. Stan for
Jamette; so I'm afraid
I'll have to bolt on you
& hunt up something

Red. Field.
May 23/96

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be bear it for, so dear
orders it.

I hate to bear so much
for you to attend to.
Yours been an angel
about helping me this
winter, old fellow, &
it most chokes me to
think of it. Though I
don't seem able to say
anything I feel in this
world.

You + Elizabeth Cone

Love so much about

taking me into your

home, it has just been to

my heart.

Write me Care Miss

Porter. Farmington Conn.

till June 8.

With dear Love

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I must to me.
Spies for my pen.
He was out. & when
he sent ltr pen up
did not send bill.
I dont see but what
it - looks as fluently
as before but if he
sends you a bill
please pay it - &
tell me so I can

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Washington Ct.

Wednesday May 27 '96.

My dear Jel:

I have been waiting till I could write you a real letter, but things are crowding so. I'm going to wait no longer. You owe me a letter, & I want you to send me yours. Tell me what was there just—

& I wanted to write from 1919

[illegible] Lincoln Ct. [illegible] Chicago

[illegible] Chicago

[illegible] Lincoln Ct.

[illegible] Lincoln Ct.

[illegible] Lincoln Ct.

May probably told Hazel of all our various & unexpected performances. She was such a help - from lettering diagrams to collecting Normal School dues & going on her wheel for the plumber.

By the way, when you get home Dwight could ask Willie if she got Mrs. Miller (Lillie Bolton of the Air) from Mrs. Scovell. Skill explain.

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Willie was so nice about
things — made us ice cream
the last night as a surprise
& went to the depot to help
me with my bales in the rain.
I had to get a small bag in
New York as it rained.
I left the pictures up in
my room thinking maybe
you'd enjoy them at the
beach this summer.
My napkin ring I forgot:
just put it away as my old

one is home.

I found a carpet bag in the home drawer of my bureau & told Willie to scald the cracks of the drawer in cleaning the room. Home turned up & kept in the bureau.

I believe that all I had in mind to speak of.

Tell Hart the rivetting Capt. Mc. Frearter had is in the box with the other skins & belongs to Mr. Ridgway.

I just know she will. You know I am writing
Things serious.
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Wednesday May 27 '96.

Lexington Ky.

Stanford

Via Old Wilkes

My dear Sid;

I have been waiting till I could write you a real letter, but things are crowding so, I'm going to wait no longer.

You were good to send me those rolls, & I assure you they were eagerly devoured.

Let me - What was there I wanted to write from 1919 + first knew she is. You know I'm with them all if ills any- thing serious.

Miss Elliott

Sailing - Eleanor Eaves

Ida Wilkes

Stanford

Hunt

one is home.

I found a carpet bag in the lower drawer of my bureau & told Willie to scald the cracks of the drawer in cleaning the room. Nora turned up next in the bureau.

I believe that's all I had in mind to speak of.

Tell Hunt the rustling cagulic Mr. Fraeter had is in the box with the other skins & belongs to Mr. Ridgway.

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I've been so in a whirl & go
tired between that my visits
are nil - collected yet, but
I'll go to work on the Economic
Jaffa as soon as I can.
Father has told you about
Hartford & possibilities.
I am to have an early
Mg. class - two P.M. sections
4-5 & 5-6. I called
to the girls their room &
as many wanted to go
Mrs. Dow could not get them

in Mitten[redacted] Eng. Class. for
Its telling how long their dict
Enthusiasm will last. call
A classmate — Alice Wade. for
is here & just texts me — tells (I
me what powers are prospects Ken
wear, &c &c. & Isabel D
Eaton will probably spend Loca
next week with me here. at t
So it will be very pleasant. Ken
I saw Mrs. Allen a
moment — she was sitting up tape

clear. for the fa[illegible] so I
ien did wil - dare tire her. I also
et. called on Mrs Frobesher &
Wants got some fine flours 69¢ +
tells (I suppose you wont fat[illegible]
per lb her after these proceedings!)
bel I am my pleasantly
spend located here - take my meals
ere. at the school & board acco
unt. the stint.
I must stop & sew a
ttery of tape on my shirt waist before

taking out the procession. Din
There are fifty things I tired
want to say to tell you how are
deeply I appreciate the way I'll
you have made a place for Jap
me in your home, & what a fa
satisfaction it has been to Hav
him write you & come to know I
more truly the depths & mg.
sweetness of my dear sisters 4-
spirit. 6
Do write down & tell
me the thousand things I 2
want to hear. Father feared me Ne
awfully about Naika. Tell me all about it

Homewood – Grandpas.

June 9. 96.

My little darling;

Auntie will be home again with Papa before you ever get your two shoes worn out – unless you take a great many little steps on the rocks this summer.

When you get lonesome for us just make a map on the sand – Mama will tell you how – and make a house for Grandpa and a mountain for Oregon where Papa is and steam cars and horses to show how Papa and Auntie could get to Rogers Beach. Mama play

will tell you how Auntie
would have to drive down to
Port Leyden with Grandpa's
horses and then get on the cars
& ride all day & then get on
the boat & ride all night and
then drive over to Hayes Beach
Early in the morning & wake
you up with a hug and kiss.
And how Papa would go on
horseback with Mr. Bailey and
all the things he would do &
get to his darlings.
Then Auntie read that you
had been lonesome for me & she
wanted to start the next day

and make little sister stay come
time. But it won't be long now
and then we'll have a good time
playing together again.

I saw little Helen last
night. She got up in my lap
& I rocked her in my arms
& told her stories and thought
about her little cousins, my
own little girls. She had on
a blue dress like Naida's, and
tied a white ribbon in her
hair and pinned a brown bow
on her dress just as you like
to do; and she sat in her own
little rocking chair just as you

do, the big brother Ty-man
lozzed her up on his shoulder
& carried her around like a
little bird. I took your
picture down to show Uncle
Collins and he said you
was sweet little girl.

Can you write Seawolfa a
letter? I think he would be
glad to get it.

Tell mama the pictures for
my bird book has come and
are very pretty.

Write me a letter soon, darling,
and don't get lonesome anymore.

Your loving Auntie.

Northampton, Mass.
June 14, '96.

My dear Hart;

I wrote that check
in a mere trying to carry on
polite conversation with a
caller at the same time, which
perhaps explains the situation
though it does not lessen my
mortification. The forty
was in my mind from Mr.
Bigelow — which by the way
Did not occupied.

Eisteamption was inter-
esting in several ways—
Had a party of 19 _ an
invitation to an afternoon
tea o a drive out toward
Pomeroy — also a good view
of D. Pines which is nesting
in the ravine where you used
to go for warblers.

The most interesting part of
the trip was, the traditions
wearing
of your boyhood days!
Miss Major. who took me
to drive told of the way you

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her little four years old sister
rowing etc — or your
[illegible]attamount supper-ete.
Miss. Srigory a nice old
lady who knew [illegible]atten as a
clerk in Utica told of your
boarding with her & what
'a beautiful boy' you were'
and I was shown the
old brick buildings & the
old gray church where
you used to go.
The way Merriam used

to collect & go around
the country & so to be
still kept in mind.

Jeanette has come & we
are rooming together in
our old college house,
sitting at Miss Jordan's table.
Jane Francis has been
& is to be here so I take
my visit in the clinics.

I shall go to the Sage
on Wednesday & from there
after perhaps a couple of
days down to Collinsville.

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Homewood,

July 4, '96.

My dear Elizabeth;

Have sent me three letters & later one, but I had 3 later two, one that was good of each of the babes. You can the originals you know & I'll give them back if you want 'em later, but I do want them this summer.

Before I forget it — I suppose there is a certain

Judicial justice in your
escaping my questions when
you can (!) but alas, I
want to know them
at once.

Did Mrs. Sewell return
that book?

I've forgotten the other
things I asked, myself —
a dangerous acknowledg-
ment perhaps!

I felt horribly about
not meeting you in

New York, as well as awfully disappointed. I thought I should have three little arms around my neck again & see the smallest baby in the world. You know these seem attractive chiefly because of their suggestion of her. I had me to look after in Collier ville — she & another 3 yr. old shrewd rogue before Jean up the

aisle.

Is it it a relief to think of Kent as out in the San Francisco country!

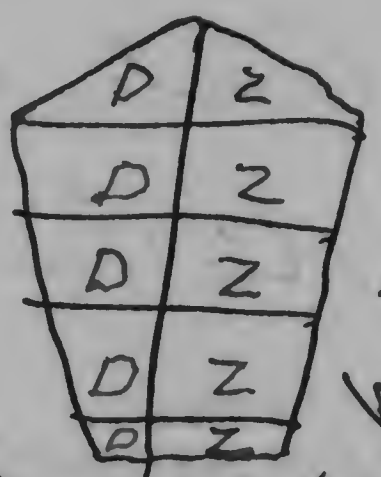
I had a delightful trip home — stopped at Dallas & attended to my business in New York — the Bronco Electrics were b[illegible] by H.M. & Co. Thursday — then spent Sunday at Englewood

went up to Kingston to
Isabel Fuller committee
the Hudson by boat &
go a day with Mr. Burroughs
& so home by the West
Shore.

The work ahead looks
formidable just now, but
we're going to finish at it
& will soon be putting
things behind us.

Kiss the babies &
tell them Auntie wants
to get some little letters

from them.



They'll have to
hold on to
their
kites in the breeze 'till they
get up into the air.

Lots of love, dear Old

Sid — Flo —

Homewood,

July 19, '96.

My dear Old Lady:

It was a relief yesterday—
a day before — to get a letter from
our dear boy at Flagstaff: I had felt
supposed he'd be there so long or
was getting anxious to hear.

How are the babes and your
own self? Do write me a real
newsy, cottagey, beachy letter
& tell me all I want to know.

There is not much news here.
I'm fine back to my old régime
swim & dance & flowers before
breakfast & batter my brains

Cozy Pals send love

afterwards.

My electros went to H.M. & Co & they sent my mss. back with proofs of the pictures to have me insert them in the text; so Isabel Eaton & I went through the whole thing critically to make sure to find the snags. We did, too! The translation was painless, however; & we got the stuff off. 71 again.

Forest & Stream has taken the food paper on the Division work, & I'm glad of the spread of the facts for it as well as for the facts. & It'll help to show people what kind of work is being

but the page is small — # 4 a column

done under the 'Director'!

Edith has been here on her way to the de Camp camp in the woods, & and the friend of Coz. Julie has been & gone.

Collins was quite sick — abscess in his head & general prostration — but is better.

The baby looks so tired & delicate it makes you want to pick her up and carry her out of that hubbub. She was leading around the old horse the other day & fell & the horse stepped on her abdomen — made a long scar on the side

though he did not break the
skin or apparently do any harm
internally.

Aunt Minnie is at the Falls
& will come here later.

Aunt Helen is alone now. Fannie
& Jud & Homer run with her for
a while & helped her mail her
garden. She had a lovely time
in New York but her weeds
grew apace. Pat, Chris' dog,
is spending the summer with her.

Sarah is still working on my
aprons! Poor soul - she looks
worn, & must be awfully tired of.

How are things going?

Has the baby got back her

strength after the New Haven confinement.

Have they any children to play

with?

Are they growing?

How about the sewing?

Oh — gracious — I forgot —

I'm asking questions !!!

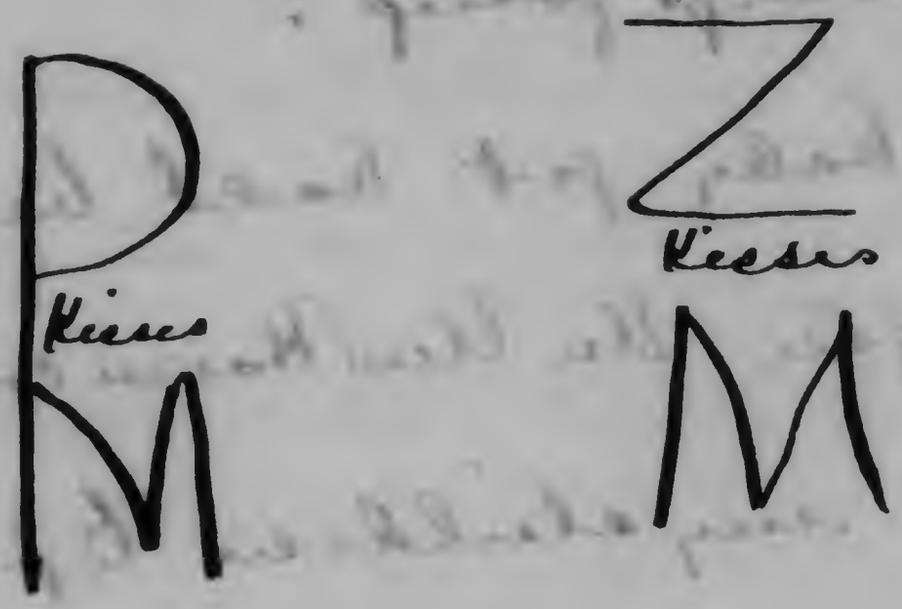
How the only way I know

for you to prevent this is to

answer them before I ask 'em —

Mornl — Write soon to

your loving Sister.



My little Darlings—

May dear you write to
Auntie — I want to hear from
my little girls.

Your pictures is on my desk
where I can look at it when I write.

Ask Mamma if she does nit want
to send one of your pictures to
Uncle Wallace + Uncle Cornelius—
one Papa took. They could send
them back. Write soon to your
loving Auntie.

Sweet heart, there is a little girl whose
name is Catherine sitting on the grass
by me in a little white dress & white
hat, & she wants to write a letter to
you. She is just about as big as you
are & it makes me want my own
little precious when I take her in my
arms the way I used to rock you.
She says "Can I write with
it now?"

Now she's got a pen little red
pencil to write with

She has made a
of & said - Just a
in for a bubble, &
'We'll play Ca
Swing it away
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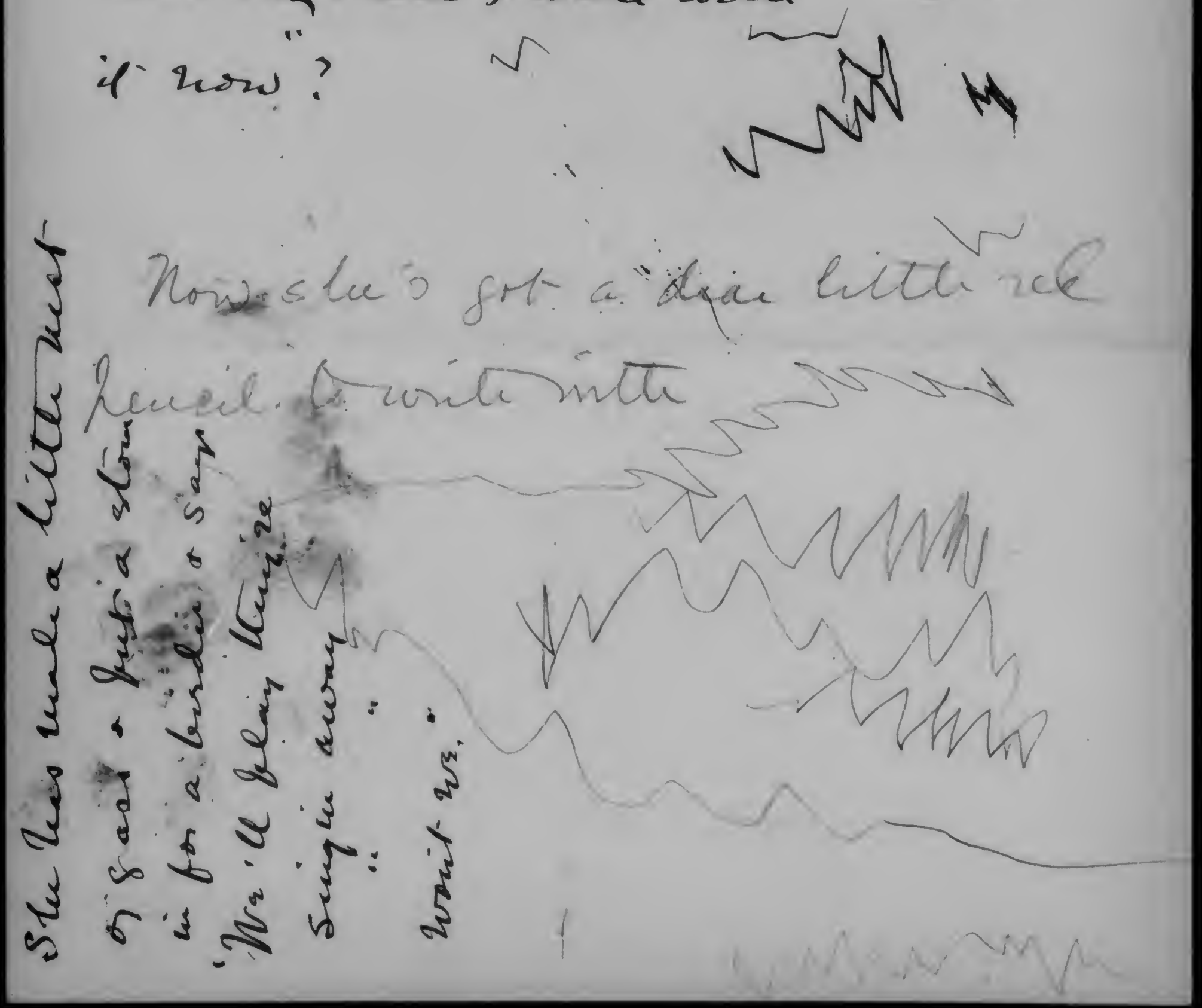
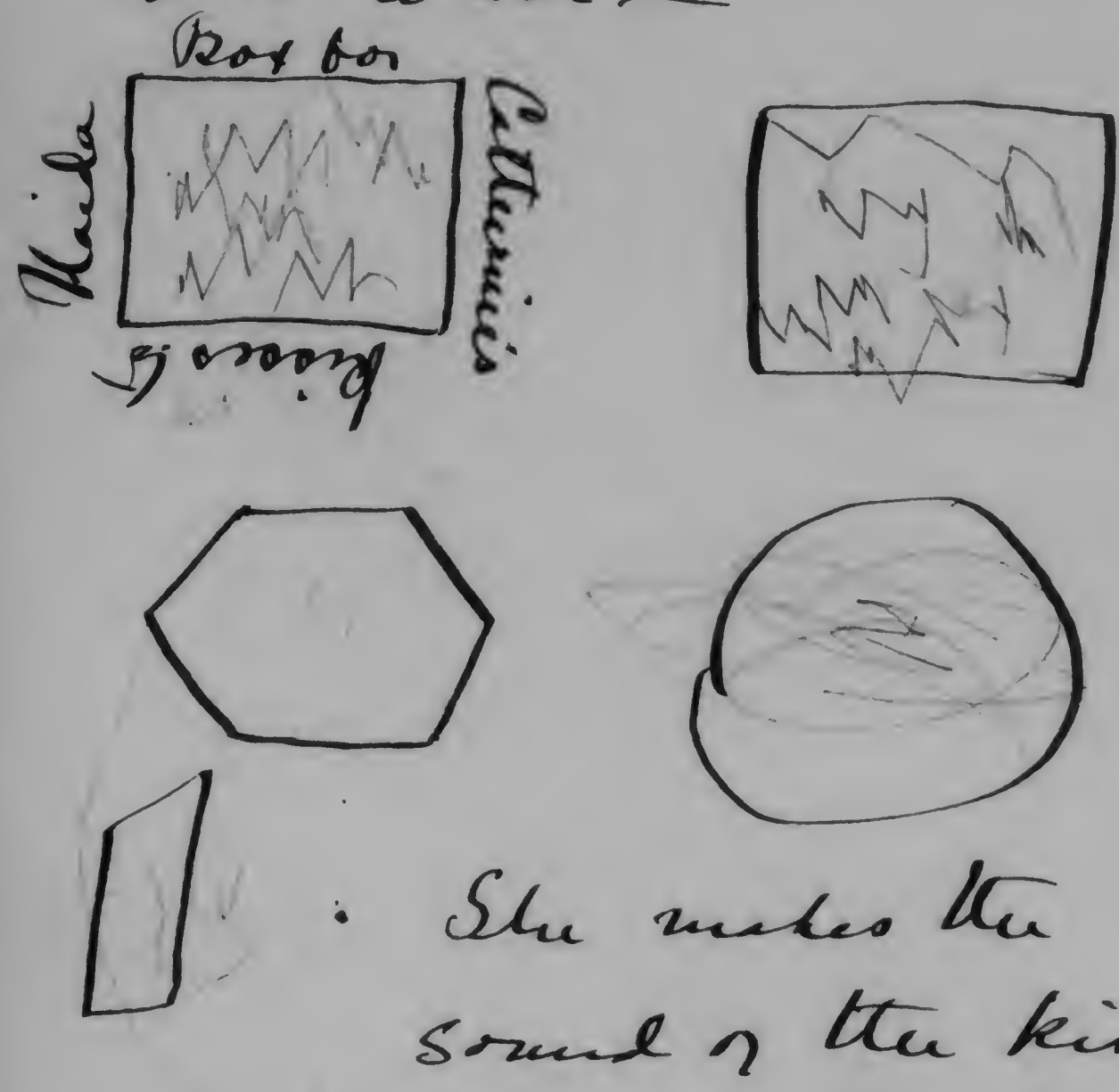
Wait a



Catherine says "Tell me about
Naida" — & Mum says "Let me
write to her" —



. She makes the
sound of the kiss with her
little lips & fill each box for you.
Last night when I threw her a
good night kiss through the window
she put up her little hands to
catch it. This morning when I
came, she had been out on the piazza
waiting for me for half an hour.
When I showed her your letter she
wanted to take the kisses

Ironwood

Aug 9. '96.

My dear Sister;

I was mighty glad to get your letter, but have been simply standing on my head. I've been so busy.

The Farm & Garden Paper has begun coming out in Forest & Stream & now We're fussing about the pamphlet — Miss Eddy does n't want D. F. & S. to publish it as it was rod & gun! Han had just proof of A Birding. Han just got off the Canyon

Papa & started some of them
on their rounds!
Am to call at Mrs. D. Johnson's
& some Port Leydia girls &
Linds & - tomorrow or next day.
Isabel has gone but Aunt
Minnie & Christ & Hilda are
here & the Warrens & Edith
come in a few days.
I am thankful that D
is doing so well. Do write
often & tell me all the
news of the little cottage
home — what a dear little

Her reply to my (your)
hours for fudging was a
flimsy smile & "I like to
eat any little which!"
Still I guess this fun to
Krgument & I'll try to
press Christ into the service.

Letter from Hart says
Klamath, Oregon

Cy Jule wants to know
how you make manioca
& corn pone?

place it in! Don't wear
yourself out sewing.

I hope will hear from
Hart again soon now. Let
me know when you get a new
address. I'm rather afraid to
write to K. F. as late as this
so am waiting to hear.

I must back up & go to work
Mass. Board of Agriculture
report!

With lots of love & kisses for
the precious little maids,

Lovingly L.

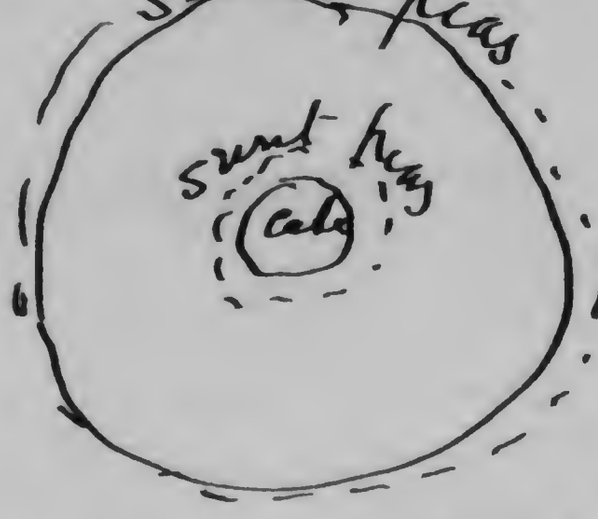
Homewood

Aug. 10, '96.

My little darlings;

The birtle day presents you sende Auntie came just on time and made her very happy. I had a birtle day party. Cousin Clint + Cousin Hatte were here and Auntie Helen came up to supper.

I had a birtle day cake in the middle of the table with pink sweet peas around it. Sweet peas was all



in the middle of the cake - a little bunch standing up.

camping with her mama and papa and her big brother & sister. The horsie did not mean to hurt her — she pulled him between a tree & the pond so he had nit any place to step but on her, but he fell sorry and lifted his foot right off.

I am going for the mail, so good by my precious little girls. Write often to auntie.

Your loving

Auntie Florence.

Auntie is very proud to see how well you send your cards.

I wish you had been here when the mail came up after supper & I opened my letter from Mama and found your little presents, for I think you would have been hugged and kissed dear sweet little fellers.

The gray squirrels come to the house for nuts almost every day. Grandpa has a big basket full of butternuts and the pretty little things almost come of [illegible] our hands to be fed.

Little Cousin Helen is all well again, and has gone in the woods

Hanwell

Aug 23, 96.

My dear old Lady:

I was glad to read about Helen's work — wish I knew as much about such things as she does.

Edie & I have been on the trunk, sorted it, sent her hats, got 'em back & disposed of a lot of stuff (to Uncle Charley's children) & now have packed the rest to go. When Nan is a chance, to Hattie's cellar, to await developments — & that's done.

Clint & Hetta have started on their lake trip. Hetta is going to send Charley to Northfield & he can

get a room.

When are you going home?

If not until the second week in October I can lend you enough to get home on, so you can get your dress. My money comes Oct. 1st goes to W. & back so there would be some delay, but I'll have enough then to lend you what you want.

I can't for the life of me remember when we left Bayonne last year.

What a glorious time Hattie, Daisy!

I'm so glad you are enjoying things more than last year.

I think I wrote you that we
spent a night at Little Otter—
I must write the babes about it.

The leaves are to be the same,
only fuller & higher up. Do
you see fashion papers or want
any?

Do you hear how Mrs. Baker is?
Mrs. in the Coilles?

How are the Sages? Has Mrs.
S returned from Maine?

The Warners & Edie are here
but leave the last of the week.

With lots of love,
Fle.

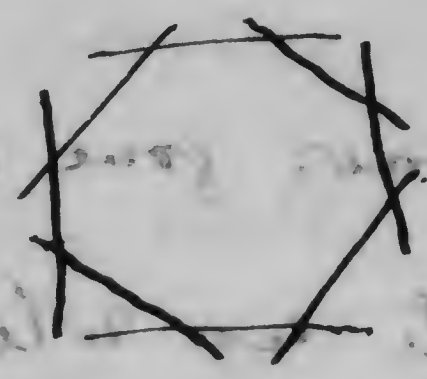
My darlings;

I wish you could have gone to camp in the woods with us where little Helen is. She is with her Mama and papa in the woods by Little Otter Lake — not a great big ocean of water, but enough water to row a boat on. Helen and her Mama sleep in a tent like this

a nice White tent, and they sleep on boughs like the fairies I send you in this letter — balsam boughs so sweet — they ought to have sweet dreams, don't you think so?

Helen and Auntie made a log

house out in the woods. Then we



and then more sticks

till we had a high

log house. Then we

made a fence around it + had

horses + wagons + planted trees

+ roses and lots of nice things.

Then auntie made Helen some

wreaths of vines + we took a walk

in a little path in the woods

+ found pretty flowers. Then

at night Cousin Lyman + Uncle

Callie made a big fire and

we went to sleep on the boughs

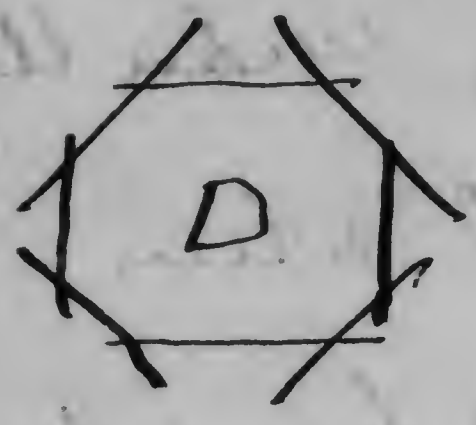
with the twinkle stars looking

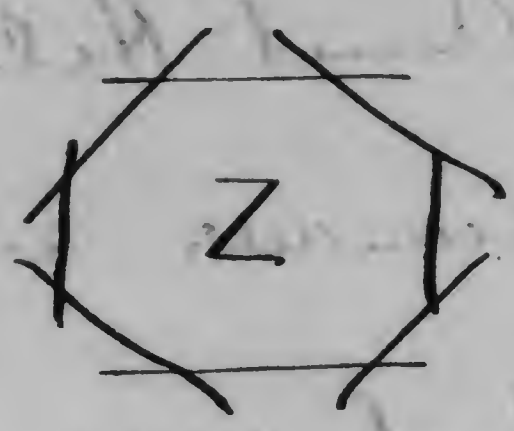
right down on us. Was it that

Cousin Clint's dog Rit, (in the) little house
lives with Aunt Helen, under the
hill, this summer, and when
Cousin Clint was up here, when
we were at breakfast we would
hear a little whine at the front
door & go out & find Rit, wagging
his tail & waiting to say good
morning to Cousin Clint. He had
run up the hill through the wet
grass to see his dear master.

Now Cousin Clint is gone &
I guess poor Rit would be
lonesome but Cousin Fanny has

come to stay with Auntie
so they can play together.





Here are two log houses full
of kisses for my little darlings

Your loving Auntie.

Homewood

Aug. 24, '96.

Darling Dorothy;

Yesterday I went out to the farm, and in the corner in the hay. What do you suppose I saw? An old hen sitting in the hay with heads of baby chickens sticking out under her feathers — all the little chickies peeking out — just like the picture in your blue book.

Two little girls got a hen (like your picture) coop, and put it out in the sun. Then their mama caught up the old hen and

one of the girls caught the
little chickens & put them in
her apron — thirteen, more
chickens than you have Merry
Men" — Then she took her
apron full and put every
little chicken down into the
coop so it could go to its
mama.

When the chickens were all
there the mama of the little
girls took a pan of bread
and milk and put it into
the coop for the chickens to
eat.

"Our little chicken had
not opened its shell, so
they took it & put it under
the stove so it could have
a nice warm place & take off
the shell (like your
picture) and come out.

Miss Lucinda likes kiss
for me [kiss for Lucinda] and
likes me for Dr. Kelly
from her Aunt Florence

[kiss for Dr. Kelly.]

Hawarden

Sept. 4, '96.

My dear Elizabeth:

I'm getting worried at not hearing from you. Are you all well?

Any news from Hart?

I'm in a rush this morning so can't write more.

Father & Coz. Jule were talking of your coming up & meeting H here, but I said H'd rather come this way & you did'nt want to! Would

you feel inclined to climb
of it? Tell me frankly.
I don't want you to
martyrize yourself:
If you don't want to. Tell
me if you in New York or
help keep the children out
of doors during the fall
weather, so you won't have
that to worry on.

Do write me how they
are. Jim is afraid some
of you are sick. With much
love. Fl——.

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Coz. J. says to urge you to
come. He thinks time now a
the babes would learn a
good lesson & the 'Mt air'
might be a good change for
you all.

Home)

Sept. 7. '66.

Will. my dear. you did give me a scare! I was prepared to pick up a trained nurse + fly to you. It a great relief to know you're all right.

We're delighted to know you're coming. Father gave an exclamation of satisfaction + said he'd be glad to see the children. He's been getting anxious too. I do hope the weather'll hold good.

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I do hope the weather will hold

If it pleasant they'll leave a
lovely hair suit in the leaves
if it rains the big tower big
doll de de will keep them
happy. I guess.

Will you stab at all in
N.Y.? Now. if you don't want
to and Walter to meet you, I
will. Write me when & where
(I can't remember definitely
enough). Did we get in or were
due at 6 A.M.? Much Piece
By Peace! R.R.? Don't attempt
to do it alone. It is not necessary.
We wd like to trundle the baby.

Blue Serge - where you silly, I
think it specially becoming to
you! Must are you hollerin'?
It splendid that you will can
such a lot out of the way.
Letter from Hart to-day from
Scilers, Oregon. Must a glorious
life he's having.
Have you heard of Dr.
S. Brown Sondei death?
Pneumonia. It will be a
hard blow to the Rathbones.
Well, I must go to work —
am reading proof & wider will

till I'm about to stand
on my head!

I'm mighty glad you are
coming. Lovingly

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Homewood

Sept. 13. 96.

My dear old lady:

If you had it labelled your jokes as crossness I never'd know known it, & laughed to myself without suspicion.

My effusive exclamation (!) of 'my' — was directed at rider, not color. I thought you said rider on a brown bount — maybe it was either — which of course is no reflection upon your chirography!

I asked about the train because

as we got in so late last year
I was afraid you might not
be able to connect with the
day train. But there is a
10.30 train that gets here at
7.10 (usually half an hour late)
& you can get that if not the
leaves U.J at 8-9 am
Empire State which would be
better as it would get the
children here in the afternoon.
There is to be a new time table
the 20th & I'll send it you
as soon as it is out. Probably
the principal trains will not
be changed. I think the 10.30 is

always on.

If you can get it. The Early train will be much better. The last 1½ hours from Utica would be hard for the children as late as that — the 10.30 I mean, which leaves Utica 5.40, here 7.10 +

Will let you know about street cars as soon as I find out. Ask Mr. Congdon to find out if you can ticket & check to Port Leyden. Perhaps by giving the agent notice in

advance he can get the tickets
& checks if he has it there.
We can do that here some-
times. The only question will
be about the New York transfer,
but I think we did it last
year by paying a quarter extra —
did it we?

To return to your irate epistle
nothing in your letter to scare
me — the lack of a letter was
what I was talking about.
I got putting about cesspools,
de r imagined the babes
down sick.

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I wrote in such a rush ?
don't wonder you got mixed up.
I've been standing on my head
lately to get my work done. I do
hope the blessed cinders 'll be out
of the way before you get here —
it's a fearful job, as I'm making
a lateropcontents kind.
Are Pabbe + Allen with Hart &
Mr. Bailey now, do you know?
There. I believe that's the only
question I've asked! Thank you
lucky stars for once!
I wish I knew what is being
done in W. about the assist.
Society-ship that Mary B work'd.

Wish I could have seen that
Surf — it must have been
glorious!

I'm going to have Jimie full
of my sleeves à la the Bazar.
& not — have any New things —
Wear my black silk skirt &
grenadine & cerise waist for —
Swell-calls.

If you can't make the day train
& see Mrs. Abbe, you can see her
on the way back. Will have to
make a night trip in the way
down, I guess, & if we get in to
New York at 7 A.M. & don't go out till

while I later one of the babies clients.
10.30 you can see her for an hour,
especially if I go to the depot
early to attend to our tickets &
baggage — can get it all at the
up town office 23d St. I guess — Clint will
know.

I wonder if there is a possi-
bility of Hattie being with us.
He said not so positively as W. Dia
really had us hope ———

Ann Dana a gossiping — I must
stop. Bring all the babies thick
things. It is liable to be pretty cold
here then, though it may be delectable.
Kisses for the little precioueses Lovingly,
DM ZM The children will like to feed the squirrels. Florence.

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

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Hommond,

Dec. 6, '97.

My dear old Boy:

We're thankful that you are safely back home again, only we did hate to have you go by. You must have had a hard summer of it: first & last. You are none the worse for it, are you?

I don't expect to leave here before Nov. 20th or thereabouts. (Have had only about 1/2)
I must finish my proof, make my index, have a dressmaker to get my clothes ready for the west &

do a little better work if I am
energetic enough. As I shall be
away so long I feel as if I
ought to stay as late as may be
with father, & Coz. Jules is going
down to New York & Wilkesbarre
the last of the month for a few
weeks, so I shall of course stay
till she comes back.

When you get a batch of your
book together send it up & I'll
go over it carefully & make
notes as I can tell you what
I mean. The more of it I can do

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home & go to Cincinnati & then North Carolina to Howard Lyon's hotel for the rest of the winter.

He is anxious to have Lyman go next summer & will not feel that the expense ought to prevent. I guess he will go. I asked Bessie Merriam to meet me in Oregon next spring - on closing her school - & if she does, can't she come down to Shasta with me? Please write me, as I want to write her. Of course we would both be wholly at our own expense about anything.

Mrs. Miller has made her here the letter. You ought to get it out for the spring market - say early in February - that's when mine is coming out. Miller say if a book comes out late, it has only a limited sale, & then Jan. 1 is just by as a book of last year. But it might be used for the spring school work if brought out by Feb.

He takes Helen & goes to New York early next week for a couple of weeks or so. Then in January she plans to close the

Helen is to be married
next mth probably. Mr. Brem
has moved into this house & is
so forlorn 'backing' she is not
going to wait till Nov.
Uncle James & the family
said him — Mr. S— & think
him a fine fellow & potentially
a good husband for Helen.

plans to go with me. I am
going to borrow of the Utica
bank, using Am. Exp. as collateral.
Mr has been having glorious
fall weather & bicycle
rides to match.
We are all alone in our
glory now.
I talk at Port Leyden
to-night.
Write me how the babes
seem? Love to Elizabeth
& both cherubs, including their
father. Lovingly. Fl—. Cor.

Corpus Christi, Texas,

May 11, 1900.

My dear Hart;

We are just back from Brownsville after an exceedingly interesting trip. Everything went well on the way home & the roads are better than going down. We saw quantities of water birds and I learned more than I ever dreamed of. They are splendid little chaps & I want to write about them. I even shot three rattle-

Snakes near our camp &
We had a tarantula in our
tent one morning, but we
escaped all perils - save the
Millenions - Loving Mexicanos!

Your letter from San Diego
was here awaiting us.

The salt marshes covered
with tufts of that splendid
glistening marsh grass, &
fairly dotted with fresh
water ponds alive with water
birds made one of our best days.

Then there was another glorious
prairie day when the sky was
full of white clouds & we
rode in an advancing circle
uncompassed by clouds_ in a
ring close by us. I never had
such an experience, but Vernon
says it is one of the characteristic
of that kind of prairie. The way
the clouds crowded around us
made me think of the story of
pan-es of the white angels in
Heaven. The prairies are great_
in bed one glorious starlight
night on them - what I'm wanted

Alpine, Texas,

May 23, 1900.

My dear Hart;

We got in at 1 a.m. last night & are now waiting for a mechanic who may take us to board for a few days.

Before I forget it, I wish you would ask Dr. Howard to send a man to Texas to proselyte his constituents to <u>Registarianism</u>! I am sure they are endangering their health & future prospects by their present diet.

We found a big batch of mail at the P.O. & are very glad to

got it.

A letter from Mrs. McCaig (Farmington Utah) says Mr. Mae died of Brights Disease after 3 months sickness. She will make her home with Katie.

Tell C.C. the doors had a good laugh on his 'stale jokes'. Tell him that far from being taken for bride & groom the question is — "Do you always go with your husband?" which proves how my aged & superior the arguments appear!

From Del Rio we went to Pecos High Bridge where we lived in Section House 112! As we were given the sitting room it was extremely

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elegant, but the cooking — Heaven preserve those that come after us!

Poor Vernon improved the opportunity to have a bad attack of bowels & scared me most to death with flux, but by dint of a milk diet he is on his feet again.

The country there was intensely interesting. It is pure Mexican desert. Vernon got a list of about 60 species of 'birds' as our Texan Brownsville cook called it. Resurrection plants, dasylirion, fouquiera, & stacks of queer, wonderfully adapted things grow there.

The canyon was simply great. Canyon wrens, cardinals, hepatic tanagers, nonpariels, & black-capped vireos were making it ring with their

songs, & most of them are
breeding here. We found V.
atricapillus building, & got a
photograph of its nest.

In fact bird reports for Uvalde,
Del Rio, & Pecos High Bridge ready to
send in.

We found that the R.R. had been
cut off from the Painted Cave country
& were not able to get there.

Vernon got an antelope squirrel, but
though he dragged himself down to the
bottom of the canyon for it when he
ought to have been in bed he couldn't
get the rock squirrels. They're extremely
shy. We saw what they run through.

The country is magnificent with
blooming yuccas & dasylirions.

'Julge' Rackenbrow has come in & says we may go up to his ranch. His wife has gone to Holland but he says 'the stove is there & the grub is there & we can cook for ourselves while he & his man are away. He is a lonely looking old man & we're only too thankful for the opportunity to cook for ourselves!

I forget about my piano. Did I ask you to send it down with your things? I wish you would. Get Steinard the piano man of Boonville to pack it unless there are pianos boxes in P. L. Don't let any ordinary man do it. And please see when the insurance on it expires, & if long enough in advance, see if it could be transferred to W.

We are having a glorious time all the time.

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Vernon sends love to you all & says he should have written from the Bridge & will from here in a few days.

The track has gone for our baggage & will be here for us in a few moments.

Write to Twin Oaks next. We expect to get there June 6 when our tickets expire for Texas.

Lovingly Flem.

Alpine – Texas.
May 26 — 1900.

My dear Hart —

We certainly fell in our last
stopping place.

The Judge turned out to be a
lovely old man – an Englishman –
with a ranch of 20-30,000 acres
& he simply made the house
ours while we stayed there, &
when we left would not hear to
our paying him a cent.

It is a great country with
those luxuriously blue desert
mts. ranges & grand old lava
cliffs close by. The Judge

lead says Phoebe & Bance
swallows nesting on his piazza
& said he wd eat later $20 a
piece for the swallows — they is
so much company. You can see how thing I am getting —
^ We climbed about 2,000 ft
& walked 8-10 miles one day
at the ranch & got great views
of the surrounding hills —
splendid peaks & craters.
We started up a wild cat &
I mean shot him — a perfect
beauty.
Love to you all —
Affs - F.
I has written you officially &
sent L. Angeles address to Dad —

El Paso, Texas,

June 3, 1900.

Sun 6 yrs all - 1-88-1.

My dear Burt—

We came down from the Sacra-
ments Mts. yesterday & to-morrow
we start for Col. & Vernon mails the
last of his reports — (all Texas have gone all up
to New Mexico)

There are a number of things Vernon
wants to write you about, but I will do
it for him as he is making to finish his
Sacramento reports before going on to Col.

He took a whole roll of films on a
Thousand Days - coming out of his hole
cutting grass, etc. etc - They should
be splendid. Also got a lot of
pictures of the mountains &

ito various ~~forms~~ types of negatives.

He put in 3 rolls yesterday.

He are my sorry the CC-Bromide pictures are spoiled for lack of a dark room. Rolls would have been better. I says he has probably spoiled some films by trouble with the roll holder, which came back at last no better than it went. He has at last gotten onto the trouble + remedied it — The brass flap that holds the roll in place was loose, making the roll run crooked + stick. By folding up a piece of paper + tucking it down against the brass flap the roll is held firm. He used up the over-date films as

fast as possible — a lot on a saxophone
say a building in the piazza at Alpine.

Mr. Oberholser — as you know by this
time — was climbing a fence — & slipped down
slipped & his hand slipped up on the
mouth of the barrel ——

Moral - Always point at the sky.
His hand has been troubling him more,
but a letter D. day says it has taken a
start — if no worse, he will start for
Rock
~~Hot~~ Springs Tuesday. He has had
bad luck with floods & accidents, but
has done good work & the trip seems
to have done him good. I even saw him
look so manly & full of energy.

Now about the Sacramentos.
Vernon says his report will tell you

all he wants you to know - character
of range - mammals. &c.
The Guadalupe Range it proves is
not connected - is separated by a flat
valley bottom - from the Sacramentos.
As it - the Guad. is the southern end
of the Rocky Mts system - they would
give southern limits of species. Rocky
Mt. sheep are said to be in the Guad.
not in the Sacramentos. Vernon has
worked the Capitans (north of Sac.)
& now has seen the Sacs. so it
would be better to work the Guads.
They can be reached from Elder on
the East where there are ranches,
& in the streams that run that

way (east) probably neon things would be
found there on the top of the
Sacramentas where there is so little
water. Vernon says the Guadalupes
would be a good place for Mr. Ober.
to spend July, when it gets too hot
for him to work the valleys.

He suggests further that instead
going to San Antonio & Austin (not
especially important localities) Mr.
Ober. go from Rock Springs to
Devils River near the Pecos to get the
rock squirrels he is so rich because
he was too sick to get at Pecos River
also to get types of Fox squirrels from
Devils River. Thence from D. R.
to Eddy & so to Guadalupe Mts.

He says for you to meditate thereupon & do as you think best thereupon.

Found us pleolas. Here on way up & none then ing. on our return. Will make them search the P.O. pockets for them to-morrow.

We go from here 8.20 a.m. to-morrow — reach Colton 10 a.m. Tuesday, Riverside Wednesday — T.O. Thursday.

Sorry I had nit — any bird list from any but top of nets. But we came down 9100 — 4300 ft on top of the caboose of a log train, like ~~~~ at an angle of ↘ & I was so occupied watching out — to see if it would be ↓ & so ↑ to heaven that I

said no Dickey birds by the way, tho
I got a list of 40 — 11 plants & blood
up (while I grabbed frantically at
his coat tails) & took photographs
of every old 'fresh' on the descent —
which I claim for a married
man was not decent — to his
descendents +

I got a beauty of a papoose basket
from the Mescalaro reservation
(at Clandenft) & a basket for bits
that will make you bit the ground
quite awry. We wanted to go & the
look afar off at
Reservation — also to Fort Stanton
Govt. Consumpt. Sanitarium —
but had to calculate pernicious things
which prevented.

Received your dear
Notarius article re Sen. Lawton
from a magazine we received through
mitte. Its good.

We look for letters from you at
Twin Oaks.

I walked 12 miles at Cloudcroft
this Thursday; but the last mile
ob my laigs were aweary!
for we began at 5 a.m.

How are you all, & what cowboy a
tain did the cherubs have playing
mitte little Helen?

Tell Dorothy I'll answer her
nice letter when I get to T.O.

Send me the amt. of my freight & packing
etc. & I'll send check.

GLENWOOD TAVERN

FRANK A. MILLER, PROPRIETOR
F. W. RICHARDSON, MANAGER

RIVERSIDE, CAL.

June 5, 1900.

My dear Hart —

Here we are at the dear homelike old fashioned house — low and long & rambling with shady piazzas & vines & trees where Mother & I had such a cozy time 11 years ago! And we will have the same happy time here now — how thankful I am not to be coming back to it alone! But all the years of loneliness & wandering, which

have been brought back so vividly by the misery of the poor 'lungers' alone on the train, seem now a part of another existence, for all the pain and weariness of my life have gone, and it is filled with peace & happiness. It seems almost wicked to be so happy when the world is so full of sorrow.

Each new place we go to seems a new little home & we enjoy it all like light hearted children.

I cannot be thankful enough for the tender, unselfish love and the perfect companionship that have come into my life, and for which it is taken. But I must not,

Yours Constance Fletcher

On the Chama River, New Mexico.

Sept. 24, 1904.

My dear Hart;

We are just back from a trip through the north-eastern part of the Jicarilla Reservation. We were fortunate enough to strike a fiesta, the whole 600 Indians being camped at Boulder Lake (which we were bound for water) birds.

And who do you suppose we found there? Mr. Curtis, the photographer! He is going on with his ethnological series. He had just been spending two nights at Sagamore Hill and had a splendid picture to look back on of Mr. Roosevelt.

We saw the relay race which seemed to be a poor imitation of the Zaos fiesta, with the addition of chicken pulling. But the one spectacular thing that was new was the first night of the Medicine Dance. It was deeply monotonous, but picturesque.

From Boulder Lake we went on to another lake and the Agency, and back by a third lake. Now we are camped to send back to Sierra Amarilla for mail & supplies before starting on for the last and best lake on our way to the Summit Lake.

We have found a good many ducks of various kinds but the shots have been too unprotected to getting many.

The Jicarillas don't seem to have any Old baskets, or much of anything that is good except bead work. They are a better type of Indian than I supposed — but for a shady dirt, fine no civilized man! He has not reached so far a height, so far.

Did I send you Adelaide Brown's address? It is 1760 Washington St. Do go to see her if you can. Give her my love.

Remember me to my buddy & Miss Eastwood.

This is a beautiful yellow pine country, and would be much more so if it only had good water. We are finding rain pools now, and the Agent is building reservoirs — dams — on the

mountain, which is a good thing.

I am anxious for word from you.

It am camped under the beautiful cottonwoods — P. angustifolia — like Elmo — with sagebrush and juniper on the mesa.

The San Juan Mts. are white this morning down low — snow white in the sun.

It will probably be cold in the Salina Mts. but they are not very high & we are well fitted out for cold weather.

The sun has set and I hear the horse bell & must go & feed the oats in the morrills. They're such a lot of pampered pets they expect biscuits when they see me. With dear Lou — Florence.

Photo Co. Chas. N. Pope, 221 Columbus Ave., Boston

Home,

July 1, 1906.

Dear Aunt;

You got away just in time to escape the hottest matter of the season, and it is good to know that you are out of it. I got off the biographics and chucked the Sunday and Tuesday afternoon after you left. the pictures the Monday. You had them is it a picture of you. If there is a decent photographer in San Fran go to him and sit till you look pleasant! Think, of what an idiot he is making

yourself, but of your children
for whom you are having the
picture taken. It is it fair to
them to have their father represented
by those of last. (I've written Mrs. Pope to see if you can get a picture taken in time. Save time by sitting on empty ? this.)

Did you send Uncle James a
copy of your resolution address?
I got in the titles of all your papers
in Miss Mo. — a late ed. I think
them yours — and receipts from
Mrs of Seimer. Must a lot
you've published! The gaps
in dates have been widening
late years. I was glad of the two
of the titles to bridge the chasm!

The Asst. Sec. waylaid me. N the other day and delivered a dissertation on the thesis that you should be a Doctor by this time — giving the world the benefit of your life long preparation instead of spending your leisure on detailed work. That appealed to me. I felt the same thing when you told me you were so swamped in detail that you could'nt — write a biography of your own father, but I did'nt get around to formulate it then. It is true though. Your quotation from Pope shows that you learn the material & the power, and its a waste of brain for you to do work that a man of 25 could do. Get the good

of your training and your brains.
Ring your sister, I naturally have
an undue regard for your brains,
but give 'em a chance and they
may prove some good yet!
With love to all.

Affectionately -

Jl

1834 Kalorama Road

July 27. 1906.

Dear Hart:

Mem in the box dept. of the Am. Sec. - Treas. O.-day. the man in charge called my attention to the fact that while ~~I~~ six years ago in Am. Sec. I had appointed you deputy (& often saw you box) in case of our deaths, you had never qualified by signing your name to the book, and so could not act without an order from the Court.

As by my will, in case of Theodosia's death, you and Collins are my

Executors, and as our mills
are in the box, the man said
you could open it, on that
ground, by getting an order from
the court.

If all goes well, please go in
and put your signature down as
soon as you get home. We
ought not to have left it in this
way. We had both forgotten
all about it.

We are about getting off
for New Mexico. Affectionately,
Florence.

Santa Clara Canyon, New Mexico.

Aug. 26, 1906.

Dear Hart;

We forgot to tell you that while in Santa Fe we met Mr. Saurwein (if that is the way he spells his name) the artist. He is looking pretty well but coughs badly. He is thinking of setting up a studio at Taos where Mr. Phillipps and another artist are now.

Mr. Dozier - the Squaw-man of Espanola has gone to Santa Fe to buy an indian curio store. Mr. Candelario told us that Mr. Weller, the boy who was with us, had just been out for a trip among the pueblos with his younger brothers.

They are putting a railroad through Taos, and we are told that there is danger of the Forest Reserve lands held up through

opportunity.

I saw your address to the Santa Clara ladies, who is a fine intelligent woman working for the best good of the indians, as she may grant this fall.

We have had lovely letters from Dorothy. She is evidently having an ideal vacation. It will do her a world of good. But she ought to have the most favorable conditions. Mr. Gilbert said he could sit to us for but a short time, ~~last~~ next Winter and I've been wondering if he would sit - condense his things or in any case give up one of the rooms for Dorothy. The children's room is too cramped and cluttered for them. Viola should be able to go to bed and asleep as soon as her studying is done, and it is only fair to Dorothy that she should have a room to herself.

and where she can take her girl friends without the embarassment of being between her father's bedroom and bathroom!
The children are told from one of the house to be shunted off into one small corner — even that all the rest may be given up to visitors !!!

We are camped in lonely gullies four miles where we have been held up by a relay of bulky horses, but the camp man has brought up a third horse and we hope to get up into the firs and spruces to-morrow.
We can hear Clark crows above us now, and Vernon, who has been up prospecting, says the mountains are even better than we thought.

Aug. 29 — Now we are, in fact — camped in beautiful Canadian forest, And we

been up to about 10,000 ft. and found <u>conies in the rock slides</u>! Isn't that great?

Coming up on board of the deer one a perfect beauty with large antlers. Pinicola, Perisoreus, Hesperiphaga, Loxia leucoptera?

We had a hailstorm that made the ground white P-day and we are sitting in sweaters with a big log fire in front of the tent.

The pine squirrels are hard at work stumping down pine cones.

With much love to you all.

Affectionately,

— Florence.

Laguna, N. M.
Sept. 15, 1906.

Dear Folks at Home —

Just a line —

Dr. F. C. Tillotson;

Laguna, N. M.

Sept. 15, 1906.

I got in this morning and found a big bulletin of mail — all good news — all well — C. H. C. C. Dorothy, Helen, Uncle Wallace — I sat down on the sand and read aloud while I ate up the lot.

You will be glad to see that C. H. C. has had a letter of Brownie's last again, and is feeling better.

I've had a glorious time in the mountains. One day we met about 22 miles (about 16 on horseback)

Saw a beautiful big-horn sheep — but I was

and climbed about 1000 ft.

I am gloriously well & hearty.

We met to 11,200 on Pelado Peak

& saw a faultless track — 4 beautiful

deer — antlered bucks that stood in a

row & looked at us — scared up

11 Quadrupeds & found apparently

old indian graves — contemporaneous with

the ruined pueblos we found later in

San Diego Canyon — & some religious

ceremonial paraphernalia of S. Am.

Pi and Mrs Funk & I found prayer sticks

etc. of the southwestern — probably of

Santa Clara. We have picked up

some potsherds for Mr. Fewkes, as he

asked I to.

Bird-Osborn

Quemado. N. M.

Oct. 1, 1906.

Dear Old Fellow —

Here we are down off the big plateau juniper country stopping — in the wagons — on our way to the Negollons at the store & post-P.O. we see since leaving Laguna.

I hear the man inside saying — "It's a very pleasant road & water all the way" — so you see it's good ahead.

We've been having an interesting trip along the edge of the Lava Bed & news of multitudes of cranes, & have been coming in grassy plains tracked with antelope!

Stopped last night at Zuletta Springs

Box 10 Quemado N. M. — Town 30 miles — Our families address

coyotes,
or mice, deer, or antelope come to water,
or thousands of Cynocephalus — it is a
great place — if we could only have stopped
one a full day to see what game it would
have been interesting.

We have been pretty lucky in striking
water or having rain pools. Thought we'd
find this moonlight drive for water & Catalina.
But soon now we'll be on the Gila Front
Reserve with water.

We're well & happy & having an extremely
interesting trip. Not a big country —
one casa perhaps a day — & that often
unoccupied — such skeletons of
uninhabited grassy-grama-plains.
We are anxious to get mail & hope
for a place soon where we can send for it.

8050 ft. No-name-Land

Ivo yellow-pines-where-the

-Lobos-pass.

Oct. 8-1906.

Dear old Fellow—

As this only part of this great expanse has no name for it, we only know where we hope to be tomorrow night-past Old Ft. Zuloroza, where there is said to be a Post office.

We camped a couple of days in after Quemado
Largo Canyon, miles lonely yellow cotton-
woods with great masses of
Bigelovia-often higher than the
horses heads-and bigger bushes of
Rhus trilobata turning red—o

bushes & trees full of birds —
blackbirds, robins & mocking birds
& thrushes & sparrows & others.
I shot a coyote in the canyon &
we climbed up to about 10,000 ft.
to the top of Pinon Hills. where eagles
are hunting grouse as effectually
as could be find any. Old
pueblo ruins are in the canyons as
all along our road.

Now we've been camped two days
and a half in regular San Francisco
NW. yellow pine country, trying to
get the Cobos Vernon ground squirrels
runways along our road. We had
a royal concert last night — of
the kiotes variety — & how they
did bark & wail! But tolerable

the wariness of the "huge one",
and the tramping out of traps by
horses & cattle we have only a gray
fox & a coyote to show for it.

But we are almost out of grain
& supplies & it is getting late for
all the mountain work we have
to do, so we must push on.

Silver City will be our address
for a month yet, and we hope to
get mail forwarded in to the
mountains before long — our last
was Sept. 18, so you see we are
getting anxious to hear.

Mark sent me the 14 acre

deed but it required acquittance
Commissioner of Deeds for
California so he will wait till
we get back.

There is a Bubs hooting out
beyond the camp fire.

Good night and dear love
to you. Florence.

Magellan Mills.

Oct. 19, 1906.

Dear Lonesome-old-brothers;

Your homesick letter made us homesick for you. Its too bad you had to be left alone. You should have seen Dad's face when reading your letter written on the train after leaving you. She could'nt bear to leave Papa. And at Zebon she wanted you so much to share in their good times. The expression of parents and children is one of the tragedies of life. The older we grow the more keenly we appreciate what it cost Father and Mother to let us go as they did. But what a blessing

We hope you will come to the Mardi Gras; Will be lonesome Mel;

it is that you have the children to love and be loved by! And may you the companionship deepens.

Dorothy's letters have been a delight to us this summer - bless the child!

The care and grace with the whole the notes speak will for the future.

And the growing deepening sense for nature does our hearts good.

Ruth has it just as a word, but her little tired brain rests from the strain of life in summer, and she does it get-ful the need of expression.

It know she loves us, which is our comfort.

By the campfire. Vernon has been

down stream & investigate the location
of the Rangers cabin & which we can see
key. We are better off here, with a rich,
Canadian fuel's about us, so long as it does
it storm badly, but and we have a log
cabin to take refuge in close by, but if
a serious storm comes we can go down
and have a tight house with a big
fireplace and extra supplies. Not
is too big a but to worry about. Enough.
After writing you at Zuñi we
had an interesting experience. We
while V. went up a mountain
camped one a day at a ranche where
Mr. Hough of the museum was last
summer — a ranche built on the site
of an old Pueblo, with stones from the

walls. We found there a New York man who has been coming there for nine years and has one of the best private collections of pottery in the country. The museum is to send men to finish excavating. The old man has been at work excavating 20 yrs, and his wife had been digging 24 yrs. when the she died last spring. He showed us the juniper tree where he used to hang the water bottle while he worked or he, and where as she misled she now lies buried. It was heartbreaking to hear him talk and see the sorrow in his patient eyes. They found pieces of interesting material, and he has interesting stories of these

mysteries Joseph & whom no one has
seen a tradition. A collection of 200-
300 jars was sent from a Pueblo across
the road to California some years
ago, but I could not learn where
or to whom.

From Joseph we went down through
San Francisco canyon in which we
spent a night and day, crossing the
river 53 times. The road had been impassable
but we got through all right as we
generally do.

Here we spent half a day coming up
a mining camp grade to Mogollon,
and another up a lumber grade—
on the Narrowest part of which we met

three four horse teams with huge
loads of lumber — ugh! How we
spent the last part of an afternoon
building road on an abandoned
lumber grade — packed down a trail
next day — and here we are! The forest
rangers will be in in a week or ten days
to Reno of Vernon's work on the
Reserve last spring and kind of find
him there.

These are glorious mountains and
it does you good just to breathe
the bracing air. The aspens give
brilliant touches to the somber
evergreen slopes, but many of the
big patches have already lost their
leaves.

Mystic Me.

Oct. 19, 1906.

Dear Lonesome old brother;

Your homesick letter made us homesick for you. Its too bad you had to be left alone. You should have seen Dad's face written on the train after leaving you. She could'nt bear to leave Papa. And at Salem she wanted you so much to share in their good times. The separation of parents and children is one of the tragedies of life. The older we grow the more keenly we appreciate what it cost Father and Mother to let us go as they did. But what a blessing

Mr Lester Gow
Mystic Hills Conn.
Grow Hotel; Mailed to Hartford

Home

Sept. 18, 1910.

Dear old Fellow;

We got home this morning and found breakfast nearly ready & our old 'Bunnie' eating nuts in the tree as if mid never been away. We supposed Dorothy had gone to Buffalo and Haida might not be home so we were pretty glad & find Elizabeth and both the children on at Marions. As Dorothy leaves to-night on the sleeper we

2/ were just in time. It is hard to
leave home and hard to leave her,
but this year will be much easier
than last — and she will be home
Christmas.

Naida had a lovely time at Stony
Plain, and school begins to-morrow;
so she won't have much time to
think of being lonesome.

Marion is my shirt. Aunt
Nilly expects to come Thursday, but
Barbara is up to school, which
will be the best thing to take her
over the miles.

It is lovely to be home again.

31 It had a beautiful reaction and feel thing & ready for work again. And this is place like home! It always feel & get back.

It is lovely here now - warm & bright & beautiful.

We went up & Homewood three times & spent two days going over Father's old papers — since the 60's. It was impossible to examine them so we separated the documents, put the clippings & scrap books together for you, & brought the personal papers down & the Falls to be looked

4/ on as Collins has time. His accounts
are all up to date now & he is
relieved of the home farm, ~~but~~ so thinks he
can go on there & Mr. Lyon old
papers that has accumulated in
the same way.

He will freight down scrap books, journals &
some ethnological papers I was
found.

It was so cold at the Falls we had
great log fires in the hall & others
in the other rooms. How people are
sitting on their doorsteps bankuled!

It is down to Cedar swamp &

5/ C.C. & Vinson tramped about it.

Those Canadian swamps are one of the most attractive features of our country.

Vinson & Collins planned the detectives.

Fred makes two good citizens. He says Swinson buys the patent feed mixtures which are most expensive & has a great deal of waste in them; and that he buys retail - four months to month. He could make his own mixtures & raise enough oats & peas to go with the

6/ ensilage & can often feed (the
plan to work for); and even by
borrowing the money to buy at
wholesale rates when prices are
low as could save. Fed saved
$150 that way last year. This year
he says he determined "to raise
enough feed or bust!" and put
about $300 into seed with the
result that he buys no feed this
year.

Simon is going to plow down by the
woods this fall, leaving the land
that is to be drained till next year.

7/ Simon won't hire the help he needs
& Ted suggests that we might do the
hiring & divide the expense — put it in
the contract. He (Simon) might not accede to it.

Mr. Dodge came the day we left —
Collins took him over the farm, but
we don't know the result.

Clint has it got back his full
strength since his sickness but
misses but has had a good rest.
He told us his experience with Will
Shelly in Montana!

Cliff Lyman has gone to the woods
for a week's hunting. Clint sent

8/ his son Bryan.

Augusta Wisc Nat Feed will be able to come up & see at the Falls in two others years. & he would like to take the management of the three farms & run them cooperatively — buying & selling together & working together.

He says he could send all our cream & his engineers club at 40¢ a qt — 36¢ minus express — & can the club $200 a year & make big profits for us — using the skimmed milk for pigs.

He is working things out carefully & getting good results. He has an

9/ electric dynamo, & cuts his corn & shoots it up into the silo by an electric fan — wonderful.

19th Jim just phoned down to the Stem house. Dorothy telegraphed after crossing New York this morning. She was to go up at to Mrs. Mills to-night. Nida said she was back from school & had her course planned — English, French, Germans, & Latin. Too bad not to have a science — too much language.

I got my money from Russell Cox to-day, but may wait till you get home to invest it & change ## Am. Exp. at the same time.

Coz. John may come on this fall.

10/

Hal Maynard is to be married next month to a teacher whom he met at Woods Hole, & Mary Garnett has left the Forest Service to get ready for her marriage to a Forest Service man in Arizona. He is going to visit Mr. Fisher in Ariz. this winter & will come here afterwards. Stu & Collins are going to stay up there (2.7) later this year but will close the house soon Christmas I guess.

You never saw so much corn in your life as they are raising

11/ up home this year — almost
every farm has a silo & big
stretches of corn. The country
was green & beautiful.

With dear love,

Florence.

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Sept. 26, 1910 — 9 AM

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